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## **Open Letter to** W. J. Bryan

### Hon. W. J. Bryan, Lincoln, Nebraska.

Dear Sir: The Commoner subscription cards that I received some time ago I return. When I sent for the cards those of the democratic party who believed in democracy were engaged in a struggle with the reorganizing Wall street dictatorship for the control of the party organization. Mr. Bryan was yet the peerless and unspotted democratic leader. He was fighting a battle in defense of the party and democracy; such, perhaps, as no other man could fight. Democrats naturally desired to win and felt it their duty to do something, if possible, to strengthen his position and aid him. But with what they did; with all that he could do; the struggle that began in the party in 1896 was ended in the convention at St. Louis in 1904, so far as any party organized as the democratic party is organized, can ever be a factor in it.

The ultimate purpose of the democrats throughout this struggle was to get control of the government; to abolish special privilege, and to establish a "government of the people, for the people, and by the people." No party composed of people of opposing aims and interests can accomplish this. If the democrats control the party part of the time and the Wall street political pirates control it the rest of the time, it can never be a party with a fixed purpose. And if the democrats could not control the party this year they cannot be sure of doing so any other year. And why should democrats continue a struggle in, a party that has an organization that makes success impossible? Why should a struggle for the great purpose I have mentioned be reduced to a struggle for the control of a political party Why should they not heed a lesson that is already well learned? Why should they waste their time in years of hopeless effort, while to the dark pages of our nation's history are being added pages yet darker? The welfare of humanity-of people living and generations yet unborn-needs their best efforts, and needs them now. Why should they not continue the struggle from the only vantage ground upon which they can present a united front-the democratic Socialist party. which has already taken up this struggle, and is fighting the common foe? It cannot be said that their chances of success are not as good in the Socialist party as in the democratic party. The Socialists have a common aim-the establishment of a democratic government. They have a literature of their own that is rapidly battering down the wall of prejudice against Socialism that a subsidized corporation press has spent so many years in building upon the sands. They have a party organization which they hold in their own hands, in which there is no place for the boss or grafter; where the traitor can betray himself alone; and the wealth of the money power is impotent.

But Mr. Bryan says he does not believe in Socialism. The only objection he has expressed is based on what he conceives that the effect of Socialist success would have upon the home. The only fixed purpose the Socialists have in regard to the home is to tear the hand of despotism and tyranny from the door; to raise the veil of growing darkness that enshrouds the homes of millions. They shall roll the stone of oppression away from the sepulchre and the human race will arise to life and glory.

But Mr. Bryan has not presented an argument against Socialism. and it is inconceivable that a man who professes to believe in democracy can have one. Under democracy the people will work out lunacy commission as to his right to run at large.



### The Old Wall Is Crumbling, And the Workers Will Soon See Through the Game

The labor leader who is investigating the old parties to see who territory where the Socialist Labor party is strongest and where

is a "good" man toward organized labor ought to be tried by a the difficulty between the two factions arose. The question will probably depend upon whether the comrades in Butte will conclude that corresponding benefit will accrue by taking up Comrade Hanford's The old partyites cannot understand why it is that Debs can time, which is limited, in discussing party tactics, which would be attract larger crowds when charging a small admission fee than the of little interest to the general public. However, it should not be the policy of Socialists to refrain from debate in any circumstance, if it can possibly be avoided, and they should always be willing to meet an opponent in debate upon the questions confronting the working class. If Comrade Hanford's time is limited it might be well to arrange some specified time to meet Comrade Corregan in debate.

their own destiny, whether it is established by the democratic party or the Socialst party.

Why cannot Mr. Bryan work for democracy in the Socialist party, which is democratic, to better advantage than in the democratic party, which is not?

From 1806 to 1004 Mr. Brvan led a party that had a fighting chance for success. It is now an unknown quantity. Mr. Bryan can never again rally more than a hopeless minority under the standard of the democratic party. I know that many of Mr. Bryan's followers, who were readers of the Commoner, too, joined the Socialist party prior to the St. Louis convention. With this fact in view, what can be expected of the rest of them now? Nor can Mr. Bryan recruit sufficient strength from the ranks of the republicans, for while he is getting the attention of one republican, the Socialists will convert many.

In a speech delivered a short time previous to the St. Louis convention, Mr. Bryan said that political parties should have an ideal and that it should be taken so high as to be impossible ever to overtake it. The highest principle the democratic party has ever striven for is democracy. Should the principle of democracy be the ideal of the democratic party? And should it keep so far behind it as to be impossible ever to overtake it? If so, Mr. Bryan has pointed out the pathway. He has pointed out the possibilities that lie before the party in the fields of municipal ownership and state ownership of railroads. He has shown how far Europe is ahead of us in these matters; and Europe has not achieved democracy. Surely, if the party will take Europe for a guide and tag along behind her, it will be in no danger of overtaking its ideal; especially when it is dragging a Wall street anchor to windward. It is only fair to assume that I have interpreted Mr. Bryan's attitude toward the principle of democracy-foreshadowed by his utterance on ideals-correctly, in view of the fact that he is supporting a Wall street candidate for president, who he has given us the best of reasons to believe is "worse than the republicans." Of course, there is whitewash in the platform for the Philippine black page, but it is not on the statute books. If the republicans will not enforce the Sherman anti-trust law, which is on the books, of what value is a plank in a platform that depends on a man who is "worse than the republicans?" Has Wall street endorsed the Philippine plank? From supporting a Wall street candidate to being a Wall street candidate is not a long step, and not many people are as well fitted, in point of ability, to take it as Mr. Bryan. Of course, Wall street may desire a candidate who is even worse than Parker in 1908; but when Mr. Bryan gets through pointing out Mr. Parker's good qualities this may not seem so humiliating as it would have seemed in the beginning.

Farewell, Mr. Bryan, farewell! In whom I had placed all the confidence it is possible for one man to place in another ; who, during the years of your leadership I had regarded as our bright star of the lesson so hard to learn; the lesson that can never be forgotten: that if the American people wish to be the masters of their own destiny, they must depend upon themselves alone. They must stand shoulder to shoulder with their brothers in the class struggle that is beig waged so relentlessly, and their watchword must be: No compromise. Once again, Mr. Bryan, farewell!

Canyon Ferry, Mont. THOMAS GRIFFITH. old political wallflowers can by spellbinding their threadbare and moss-covered platitudes gratis.

Some of the conscientious union men are pretty sick of the work of that labor convention held in Helena, and which endorsed the whole democratic ticket. However, it is one place and question where the union men and Citizens' Alliance advocates have come together.

The Great Falls Tribune, one of "Boodler" Clark's papers, has been sold to W. G. Conrad, and W. G. Eggleston, the noted corporation editorial hireling, has become editor of the paper. Mr. Eggleston was a wage slave on the editorial staff of the Independent when Millionaire Clark bought his seat in the United States senate. He wore the point off of many pencils sounding the praises of his moneyed master, and writing columns of matter in urging their betrayal to the golden calf. Now that W. G. Conrad has an eye on the senate, he has commenced to buy up newspapers and hire intellectual wage slaves, who are always in the market for sale to deceive and betray their own class into a slave condition for a pittance of gold.

In the last issue of the Weekly People there appears an article stating that a debate took place in Minneapolis between Thomas A. Hickey, representing the Socialist party and Comrade William W. Cox, vice presidential candidate on the Socialist Labor party ticket. If the statement of the People is true we must admit that Comrade Hickey, as a Socialist, made two very glaring mistakes in endeavoring to support the bourgeois Wisconsin state Socialist platform, and in terming Comrade E. B. Ford, editor of the Referendum as insane, on account of his taking exceptions to the aforesaid platform. This sort of child's play is not very becoming of a Socialist in debate; it is befitting in old party tactics.

"Oh! Say, did you see" (not the star spangled banner), but the Typographical union men waltzing up the street on Tuesday night in the republican parade to hear the Illinois spellbinder eulogize Teddy the Terror, the man who ignored the Typographical union men's demands in the Miller case and irrevocably stands for the open shop. Some of them had on a Toole badge. They honor Toole and Mason because they both stand for a system that allows Mr. Toole to revel in a thirty thousand dollar residence, while six of their brother union men were put on the road last week to look for a new master and beg the privilege to run a linotype for bread, which is in the hands of the capitalist class. "Oh, unionism, thou art consistent."

The daily press gives out that Comrade Hanford, candidate for hope, farwell! I am glad I have known you. You have taught me vice president on the Socialist ticket, and Comrade Corregan, candidate for president on the Socialist Labor party ticket, will speak in Butte on the same date, and that the Socialist Labor party of Butte have challenged our vice presidential candidate to joint debate; the question being: "Resolved, That the Socialist party is not the party of the working class." We do not know of any one more competent camp. to meet Comrade Corregan than Comrade Hanford, inasmuch as he is an eastern man, and has been a staunch union man for years, in the

In last week's issue of the Socialist Democratic Herald, the editor takes some of the Socialist journals to task in the matter of their bad orthography. The comrade advises that the name Karl Marx begins with a "K" and not a "C", and that Lassalle is not spelled "LaSalle." The Montana News pleads "not guilty." However, we appreciate the suggestion and think it timely on the whole. In the meanwhile we improve the opportunity of reciprocating in a comrade-like manner by suggesting that Comrade Heath apply his didactic abilities more toward educating the comrades in Wisconsin in orthodox Socialism and thereby avoid a repetition of their bourgeois state platform, and pay less attention to bad spelling.

We are making preparations to give William Jennings Bryan, the world-famed political acrobat, the reception of his life when he enters Montana. Bewailing the large showing that Comrades Spargo and Hazlett made in Billings recently, the Billings Times, a slush democratic paper, says: "The national convention of the Socialist party would do well to call off Comrade Spargo, as he is too much anti-democratic." Of course, this will be attended to at once. Doleing along a little further, the rag advises the Socialists "just to wait until Mr. Bryan comes to Montana and he will tell them something they never heard in their lives." Of course. When the Montana News gets out a special edition of 50,000 and distributes Comrade Stitt Wilson's "Open Letter to William Jennings Bryan" into the hands of every man who listens to Bryan's effort to besmirch his conscience, the Times will think quite the reverse. By the way, we recommend the letter to the erudite editor.

The article written in last week's issue producing an alleged letter written by President Roosevelt in answer to an imaginary letter written by President Donnelly invoking Roosevelt's intervention in the meat strike, appears to have had no bona fide source. The letter seems to have been the inspiration of a capitalistic lackey employed on the New York Post, who scribbled off a lot of slush, or in other words a letter that Roosevelt ought to write in connection with the controversy, which was in keeping with this anti-labor organ's views. In its rounds it was copied by the press and was either intentionally or otherwise transformed into political medicine. It is likely that when the labor press construed it as authentic, it had in mind President Roosevelt's disposition in the Typographical Union-Miller case, or in his sending of troops into Arizona at the behest of capitalists, and again his "rapid action" work in sending arms into the state of Colorado by virtue of the Dick military law in the late controversy between the union miners and the citizens' alliance anarchists. However, it is gratifying to note that the letter originated in the Roosevelt

Machinery should be the only slave of man .- E. V. Debs.

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Ben Hanford Eugene V. Debs

'Rah for Debs and Hanford! 'Rah! 'Rah! 'Rah! 'Rah! War at best is but murder on a large scale.-E. V. Debs.

The labor movement is the monument of the labor agitator .- E V. Debs.

The republican papers in sounding the praises of Roosevelt, never mention a word about his inventive genius-you know the riot questions, but it was evidently seen that the necessary precautions club he invented, and the government refused to patent on account of had been taken to offset this. A little more Socialist education and its being an inhuman weapon.

No self-respecting workingman, who keeps abreast of the political trend in Montana, even though he may be ignorant of his class interests, can consistently vote anything but the Socialist ticket this year. Common decency will force him to do this.

Joe Toole is a pretty good everyday politician himself. When the labor committee waited upon him seeking political plums in exchange for their support, Mr. Toole replied: "Gentlemen, it is against the law to promise anything, but-but look at my past record in distributing offices among workingmen."

The republicans are rehashing the proposition that the democrats are scrambling for an issue this year. Theirs is "prosperity." In 1908 the Socialists will have the both wings of the old political wallflowers in such a position that it will not be difficult for them

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### ANOTHER REPUBLICAN SPELLBINDER SPEAKS HIS PIECE

Senator Mason of Illinois spread the American eagle at the Auditorium on Tuesday night. He is a first class republican speaker, and the wage earner who reads his economics should readily understand what that means. Mr. Mason is a political joker-something well calculated to make the ladies and children laugh. And the ladies-God bless them-were there in profusion, filling the gallery, and like their unthinking political brothers, were attracted by the brilliancy of the pyrotechnics, the melody of the brass band, the flowers and dress, and tinsel and trappings of the ordinary old party campaign rally. As an after tea speaker and jollier Mr. Mason has Chauncey Depew badly beaten. It is not known that Mr. Mason is a member of the "republican jolly and hot air club" of Illinois. At any rate he has discarded the threadbare "full dinner pail" racket and has substituted a new wrinkle fresh from the "medicine room" of the national republican committee. The omnipresent brass band starts up "America" for the purpose of arousing the necessary false patriotism, and the unsophisticated audience arises and joins in the chorus. Mr. Mason did as well as he could, with the stock of republican arguments at hand. The gentleman had the temerity to state that he was sent out here to appeal to Montanans for their electoral vote for Mr. Roosevelt, as the leaders of the republican party thought they would lose the state of New York and other states where the trust influences were strong, owing to Mr. Roosvelt's opposition to the trusts. He did not explain that the trusts were the inevitable result of the competitive system for which the republican party stands sponsor and

that by interfering with the progress and evolution of this system, the wheels of industry would be hampered and the already unemployed problem augmented. There were good and bad trusts, he said, but he failed to explain the line of demarcation. Mr. Mason stated that under the democratic administration the wage earners

were without work and that everybody was employed shortly after \$2.50, our special the republicans took charge of the reins of government, notwithstanding that census bulletin No. 150, compiled by the republican statistician, Carroll D. Wright, gives out that there were unemployed the year ending 1900 one million and a half people, and a part of the people working part of the year. Also that Mr. Wright shows the average income for each individual in the United States to be \$437. 'The democrats can't run the government, for the reason that it is all that the republicans can do," shrieks this witty spellbinder. Mr. Mason, talking of Roosevelt's strenuosity and warlike propensities, concurs in the tactics of a bully, by stating that the way to have peace is to be well equipped with "the big stick." In other words, that whenever the capitalists see fit to precipitate a cruel war and create waste to provide for an overproduction of articles manufactured, the brother wage earners of two or more different nations must be lined up by means of the fife and drum and punctured patriotism to shoot each other down like dogs, and wallow in each other's blood in the interest of the capitalists, such as is now in progress between Russia and Japan. In the beginning of his remarks Mr. Mason extended the right to any one in the audience to ask these old political wallflowers and grafters, who have befogged the minds of the workers for years, will have run their race.

#### W. A. ARNOLD'S STATEMENT IS FAR FROM SOCIALISM

The Milwaukee (Wis.) Journal quotes W. A. Arnold, under his signature, who is the Socialist Democrat candidate for governor of that state, in glaring type, as follows:

"If I were not a Social Democrat, or if there were no Social Democratic ticket in the field, I certainly should vote for La Follette. I people than any other old party candidate. If there were more men of his force of character in both political parties they would be able to accomplish more than they do."

In seating the delegates at the national convention of the Socialist party, held in Chicago last May, one of the delegates right to but desires his name suppressed, as he says, "in respect to unionism." a seat in the convention was contested on the ground that he had The unionist in question rebuked Miles and the alleged labor comsent "Golden Rule" Jones of Toledo, Ohio, a complimentary message on his election to office on an old party ticket. He was exonerated on the ground that he was not the author of the message and that it was sent without his authority. In the heat of a campaign the above article is assented to by the head of the Socialist ticket in the state thing regarding the \$2,000 deal. It is suspected by some of the union of Wisconsin, who is supposed to stand on a platform-if Socialism means anything at all-that the personal excellence of the candidate talism-the democratic party-that Miles received as high as \$10,000 means nothing and the principles upon which the party stands means from the democrats and is "holding out." They attribute this to the all, in so far as the interests of the wage workers are concerned. La fact that the latter end of the week the state democratic committee, Follette of Wisconsin is a prototype of Toole of Montana. Both are politicians of the most dangerous type, devoid of the moral courage to stand out for what they see in the future, and for what they are the national democratic ticket." convinced is right. La Follette, like Toole, sees just enough of the Socialist trend to compromise in a straddling manner. If. Mr. Arnold has allowed his name in print in the manner above described, he is the Dees, the Dempsters, the Pat Meaneys of Butte, the Welchs, the either a traitor to the cause or ignorant of what Socialism is; in Pepworths of Bozeman, the Lidgates of Basin, the Mackeys, the either case he is incompetent as a Socialist candidate. Wisconsin Socialism these days has a goodly portion of Socialists scratching lead you by the nose into the capitalistic shambles on election day? their think boxes. A review of the state Socialist platform of Wisconsin discloses some peculiar species of that doctrine. It will be hard to reconcile the western Socialists to this character of Socialism. And let it be said that this ante-election time is just as opportune a period as any other to discuss these matters as intelligently as we can, inasmuch as Socialists have "no policy to play." The matter must be threshed out at some future time. Nothing is settled until cialist party. it is settled right.









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as temporary secretary, held a joint meeting, and "that the only objection the labor men had to Judge Parker, was a report that he had delivered an opinion, while justice in New York, against an eight-hour law, but an investigation by the labor men showed that while the court had handed down such an opinion, Judge Parker had dissented, and had written a dissenting opinion." Any one acquainted with the personnel of these two committees, would not be at all surprised that these worthies could not "investigate" an elephant in an alley, if lucre was the controlling feature in the investigation. In passing we might call attention to labor fakir Mackey, who pushed his avoirdupois into the Socialist club of Helena for political purposes, but found out instanter that he was not sufficiently clean to hold membership in that organization. If this worthy has done any work in the last five years other than live off the labor unions, we are amiss, and we have consequently deducted that whatever perspiration he has undergone in this length of time has been due to the automatic use of his jaw. Miles, who has as much license to be in a union as the evil one has to consecrate holy water, is now engaged in the saloon, the boarding house and the blacksmithing business in Winston, Montana, and makes no secret of the fact that he is in the labor movement for whatever money there is in it for Miles. Last week he received from the democratic headquarters in this city the sum of two thousand dollars, one thousand to be used in Lewis and Clarke county, and one thousand to go to labor fakir Pepworth of believe he is working along lines more generally for the benefit of the Bozeman, who was recently expelled from the Socialist club of that city for political treachery, and who since has been nothing short of a political scavenger within the ranks of organized labor, in the interest of F. Augustus Heinze. Mr. Miles confided this information last week to a gentleman who is really sincere in the labor movement, mittee for their treacherous work toward organized labor, and assured him that as far as he was concerned the Parker end of the democratic ticket would not receive his support. Miles became alarmed and begged of his more principled brother in unionism not to say anymen who are sincerely or otherwise supporting the left wing of capiwith headquarters in Helena, had the news spread broadcast throughout the United States that "the labor party of Montana has indorsed Workingmen! You have been betrayed time and again by these labor fakirs! Will you forever allow unscrupulous leeches such as Hillis' and the Smiths of Helena and others too numerous to mention Out with them! They are rotten to the core! That those of you who are honest and sincere, though ignorant of your material interests, will come to Socialism in the very near future, is as sure as night follows the day. The Socialist party offers you the only alternative of aligning with what is politically clean and for your welfare. Study Socialism. And when you are convinced align with the So-

to meet upon common ground and grapple with a real live issue.

How would it do in case you are asked for the price of a meal by the workingman out of a job with nothing to eat to produce a Socialist card. Would it not serve a clearer record than a union card It would at least exhibit that the holder did not scab at the polls and vote for a condition that made him without a job or anything to eat, whereas a union card would not.

It is interesting, indeed, to note the antics of the slum politician in Butte, consisting of the labor fakirs, the unwashed Heinzeites and the Amalgamated democrats. The fight between the Heinze and Clark sheets is highly entertaining. The abuse dealt out by the wage slaves in the interests of their respective masters would mystify an East India juggler. It is a case of the kettle calling the pot black.

Friday and Saturday we were visited by Comrade Graham of Livingston, Doyle of Great Falls, Schwend of Anaconda, Bilty of Canyon Ferry and Fairgrieve of Red Lodge. Reports of the comrades are of the most promising character. As the comrades named represent the various quarters of the state from a geographical standpoint, it is evident that the movement throughout the state is at high pressure generally. Comrades, coats off until November 8th.

The labor leaders, both great and small, are quite busily engaged nowadays hobnobbing with the moneyed corporation candidates on the demo-republican ticket. Using the street parlance, this year these spurious coins are between the devil and the deep sea. There is no choice between Parker and Roosevelt, and poor old man Debs has not the price nor the inclination to pay them for their treachery to organized labor.

There is one thing that the Socialist movement is doing and that is establishing the line of demarcation between the grafter and the honest man. It places such men as Bryan, Watterson, Patterson, talist class, where they belong. On the other hand, it is gathering together the most intelligent of union men, who have studied their economic interests and have united to combat in the political field. The Socialist movement is daily lessening the power of the union grafter.

"been seen" by the democrats first. The following hemorrhage by him shows which way the wind blows: "A large percentage of the union labor vote has been republican in previous presidential campaigns and it needs only the switch of only a small percentage of organized labor for Balhorn, and they are sailing under the banner treasurer, in co-operation with the state committee, consisting of of the Socialist party.

### ANTI EIGHT HOUR PARKER LABOR FAKIRS GET \$2,000

The expected has happened. The so-called labor party indorsed the democratic national head of the ticket, including Alton B. Parker, who voted against the eight-hour law as unconstitutional while acting

as a judge on the state supreme court of New York. This shows conclusively that this aggregation of labor fakirs have organized politically for whatever money there is in it for them. The Montana relationship sufficiently to distinguish their class interests, and while they are union men during the greater part of the year, their apathy as regards their political duty on election day becomes manifest.

Some time ago the Weekly People ,a Socialist paper, printed in full the eight hour law, the document number, etc., enacted in New York And the Associated Press gives out the startling information that state and declared unconstitutional by a major portion of the state President Joseph Balhorn of the National Brotherhood of Painters supreme court at which Judge Parker participated. It is the purpose has stated that organized labor will not support the republican ticket of this paper to print the particulars in full in an unmistakable manthis year. Of course organized labor can vote for Parker on account ner in the near future, with a record of the vote. The first move on of his action in the eight hour law. Obviously this labor leader has the part of the labor fakirs was to effect a fusion in the state demo cratic convention, but in this they were passed up like a white chip. Then, like the whipped cur, in convention they anchored with this party; the grafting leaders thinking this aggregation easier reached. The democratic press on the morning of the 5th gives out the inthese votes to swing the doubtful states into the column for Parker." formation that the executive committee of the labor party, consisting There is a portion of the union labor vote this year that has gotten of Frank Longstaff of Cascade county as chairman, C. J. Mackey of away from the influences of such tricksters as Balhorn, who is in Lewis and Clarke as secretary, and Daniel Kelly of Jefferson as

R. D. Miles of Broadwater, chairman, and W. R. Welch of Gallatin the head as with the hands .- E. V. Debs.

We desire to ask of the workingmen who are foolish enough to make themselves believe that Joe Toole is their friend, as to how they arrive at such deduction. Mr. Toole, being a democrat, stands for and indorses a system that robs them of 83 per cent of their labor, keeps a million and a half of their brothers out of work permanently, and is responsible for the greater part of vice, poverty, ignorance, degradation, child labor, bull pens, prostitution, and the slum that permeate humankind. Will Governor Toole deny this? Will he de-News does not claim that all of the union men are insincere who bate the question of Socialism? Will he hold himself up as a friend Hearst, and Montana's shrewd politician, Joe Toole, and men of have been led into the capitalistic shambles by these labor decoy of labor and aver that in case of labor difficulty in the state of Monthis ilk who profess' friendship toward the laboring man in the capi- ducks, assisted by the sophistry of Spineless Joe Toole, whose first tana he would be a drop in the bucket in preventing outside interconsideration is office. As yet they have not studied their economic ference. If he is really in sympathy with labor, as he professes, he would not be aligned with a political party that has always been, and must necessarily ever be, opposed to the working class interests.

> Eugene V. Debs has lost a vote. A labor fakir who heard him drive a few hot ones at his ilk during his short stay Sunday, remarked that he "was going to vote for Toole and Debs, but now no Debs in his." Poor fool! Wonder how long 'Gene old boy would willingly remain out of office were he to require labor decoy ducks to hoist him-men who make their miserable existence by the strenuous sweat of their jaw. With those characters the Socialist press and the true Socialist has no compromise. We do not know their counterpart. Graphically describing a labor fakir, we rise to say he is a twin brother to the thief who was hung up on the cross with Christ, and who could have been saved by turning his face to the Savior, but didn't have that much manhood, consequently was doomed to the eternal bow-wows.

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### JAY RAND SANBURN.

### Livingston, Oct. 8.

Dear Comrade: Your note received. I did buy a card while you were here, but had a chance to sell it, intending to get another for myself, but neglected it until I got your little jog. I gave or two ago and think you will of our class, and surely no one now find me on your list for a year.

Our Debs' meeting here was simply great; we could have used a house twice as large and have filled every seat. We hear nothing but praise for it even from flunkeys, the wage workers who time and with fewer words than News. any other man that I have ever

yours for co-operation, H. L. BLAKE.

Anaconda, Oct. 8. Comrade Walsh: Enclosed find

\$11.00 to pay for cards of Dan Job and yours truly. I expect you will be able to raise some money for The News when you get here next week.

I have sent one of those Seattle leaflets to Jimmy Graham and closed you will find a slip with asked his opinion about getting the name and address of the only them out for the different coun- class conscious Socialist paper ties, or something of the kind. Yours, C. C. McHUGH.

Livingston, Oct. 4. To the Comrades of the State of Montana:

We are on the eve of one of the greatest political battles ever fought on American soil. Op-

organization. Our opportunities must be quick.

In every county in Montana which we are unable to supply for lack of funds. There is a constant demand for literature. There is an urgent need of leaflets to circulate over the state giving a brief but clear review of the political situation in Montana.

We know, comrades, that the demands upon your limited means are never ceasing, but it is upon ourselves that we must depend for my subscription to Graham a day the emancipation of ourselves and ever sacrificed for a more noble cause.

> We therefore call upon you to contribute as liberally as possible in order that we may yet line up on election day with a solid front.

We would suggest that each the most balky of the old party- local appoint a committee to soites. It was an eye opener to the licit and receive subscriptions and of the latest issue of your Moncapitalist anarchists and their let them get to work immediately. tana News. Thanking you in all Send all contributions to Jas. D. kindness, I remain yours for the vote their ticket. They begin to Graham, 532 North I street, Livsee whose foot the anarchist shoe ingston, Mont. Acknowledgement fits. Debs said more in a short made through The Montana

the paper and will put in some you that the date of Ben Hanford tries, and to loosen the chains time trying to dispose of some is off at Billings; have not the that fetter them. cards that Mr. Lynch left with time for a stop at Billings; but we It was a splendid international me; have not had time to do any- are in hopes of having some one gathering, and the report of its thing for the cause this fall yet. here to step once more on the proceedings, as contained in The Wishing you increasing success, corns of the old parties. I am in Comrade for October, is full of inhopes that The Montana News terest and inspiration. When we will be the official paper of the say that the report takes up 12 OVERCOATS AND SUITS state of Montana. The Billings pages of The Comrade, it will be paper must do what the party tells understood that it covers the

his job. Fraternally yours, JOHN POWERS,

### Local Organizer. Red Lodge, Oct. 5.

Editor Montana News: Inpublished in the Finnish language Worker." The North Star, published in Massachusetts, is not class conscious. If you will send for printing remitted to you. I, we can have an edition for this vours.

ALEX FAIRGRIEVE.

Canyon Ferry, Oct. 9. J. H. Walsh, Helena. you money order for \$1.00, for price of one thousand letter heads which please send The Montana and one thousand envelopes laid

Canyon Ferry, Mont. I also send you "A Wail From

the Wilderness," Comrade Griffith's open letter to Bryan, which you will please return if you do not see fit to publish it. Comrade Griffith will send in his subscription as soon as he gets the money.

Yours fraternally, CHAS. SCURLOCK.

### Monarch, Oct. 8.

Dear Comrades: Will you please send me a copy of election laws, as spoken of in the editorial success of truth and justice, GROVER MASON.

Where is the Socialist who would not have liked to be present

them or the mortgagee will lose ground pretty thoroughly. Not only do some of the speeches on Socialist tactics and the resolutions, which were adopted, form

a part of the report, but there are also reprinted numerous quotations from English, German, French, Italian, Belgian and Dutch Socialist papers, so that the reader is able to see how the conin this country. It is named "The gress and its work strikes the So-Työmies," published at Hancock, cialists of other countries. Fur-Mich., translated means "The thermore, there are many notes and impressions about the delegates and the striking incidents of the congress. The distinguishme a receipt book, I will try and ing feature of The Comrade, its get some subs for you during my excellent illustrations, is Comrade J. H. Walsh: I send posed to the Socialist party is the trip around the county. As soon marked in this issue as ever. Two you a small coin for which please strongest political organization as we meet I will have the bill large pictures, one showing the congress in session, with Kata-Organization must be met by am trying to get the boys to give yama and Plechanoff on the platme a photo of themselves, so I form, and the other, a double page can send them to you in order that group picture of the International Socialist Bureau, will delight evcounty before election. Things ery Socialist. This number conlook good down here. We are go- tains furthermore an able editorial ing to poll a large vote for the So- review by Franklin H. Wentcialist party. With success to the worth .- Price, 10 cents, The Comentire ticket, I remain, fraternally rade, 11 Cooper Square, New York

> Livingston, Oct. 10. The Montana News.

Dear Sir: I have been request-Dear Comrade: I herewith send ed to write to you to find out the

News one year to Orion Scurlock, down in Livingston, the same as this letter head and envelope that I have used.

> Your paper seems to be the right sort so we have considered you and do hope we can do business. Yours truly, ton, Whitehall, \$1; previously re-

CHAS. C. SIMPSON. Secretary National Park Lodge, No. 168, I. A. of M.

\$25.25 of literature at the Debs Red Lodge, Oct. 10. meeting, and that over 2,000 peo-Editor Montana News: I am ple were unable to secure admitsending you today some photos tance to the hall. of the candidates on the Socialist

county ticket, with short sketches. literature at street meetings in Now get this all in at one time and September. Anaconda local resend about 500 copies here to John ports the following expulsions Peters. Inclosed find one subscription. I will remit when I return here on Oct. 16.

ALEX FAIRGRIEVE. Sullivan, L. W. Eaton, Arthur Le-

Grande, Dan J. Leary, Wm. J. The Billings Times, democratic,

ported, \$11.10; total, \$36.10.

Butte local reports having sold

Livingston local sold \$10.10 of



**50c** BOX Helena Packing & Provision Co 320-22 N. Nain St. L. D. 'Phone 129 from the local for taking part in DR. G. A. WILLETT a fake labor convention: Thomas F. Murphy, F. D. Flynn, Gerald Je DENTIST 🦐 THOMPSON BLOCK, ROOM o

Main St. opposite



Debs' Answer to New York World

Just as he was leaving Spokane, Wash., on his campaign tour, Comrade E. V. Debs, the Socialist party presidential candidate, received the following significant dispatch from the New York World:

"Republican leaders reported to be worried over strength of your following in doubtful states. Will you not telegraph to the World four or five hundred words on the progress of your campaign, accessions to your ranks from other parties, vote you expect to poll in pivotal states, etc.? Kindly wire at our expense.'

Comrade Debs sent the following reply from Wallace, Idaho, and it was published in the World of Sunday, Oct. 2:

"That the Socialist party is a factor of increasing importance in the present campaign is becoming more apparent every day. Such meetings as the Socialists are holding are not only unprecedented in third party movements, but the leaders of the old parties have become positively alarmed and find themselves compelled to revise their calculations and put forth the most strenuous efforts to resist the encroachments of the Socialist propaganda.

"The rapid rise of Socialism is not surprising to Socialists themselves. Since the last national campaign an unceasing propaganda of education has been carried on in every part of the country. Millions of leaflets, tracts and pamphlets, translated in every language spoken by the working class, have been systematically distributed. A score of Socialist papers, aggregating two million readers, are now published, while hundreds of speakers, both men and women, are canvassing the country in the interest of the Socialist party and its candidates.

"The accessions this year are accelerated largely by the hostile attitude of the capitalist class toward the trade union movement. The persecution of organized labor in republican Colorado; the antiboycott law in democratic Alabama; the uniform decisions of the Movemnts of Socialists courts against labor; the use of soldiers to protect capitalist property and crush organized labor; the breaking of the strikes in the packing trades, the textile and other industries; the defiant declarations of the Citizens' Alliance and the Manufacturers' association have all combined to drive working men from both the old parties with the determination to build up a party of their own and meet the capitalists on the political battle field, where they outnumber them a dozen to one, and this is one of the principal causes of the exodus to the Socialist party.

"New York is the leading state in this revolutionary movement of the working class, and the Empire State this year will poll an fund to date named \$5,715.39. The addicted to suppressing news of enormous increase and possibly cast as large a vote as was cast in all the United States four years ago. Other industrial states will follow with corresponding increases.

"Massachusetts and New Jersey in the east, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois and Wisconsin in the middle west, and California, Oregon and Washington, on the Pacific coast, will make a phenomenal showing, rect to those papers. This will in either the precinct, township, drawing room. There their good while all other states will develop such an increase over four years save labor and expense of mimeo- city or county, in 1900, 1902 and breeding even could not hide the ago that the returns will be a revelation to the whole country.

"As to the pivotal states, it is difficult to foretell in what manner or to what extent the results will be affected. The republican work- in the October printed official bul- election day. The space for 1904 to enliven the scene. ingman yields as readily as the democratic workingman to the logic letin. of Socialism. It is a question of economic self-preservation and the Prices Reduced on National Cam- vote is known and the self-adworking class are driven by the logic of events to independent political action.

"As capital concentrates, labor is forced to organize, and as its efforts fail on the economic field it rallies on the political field, and thus the capitalists themselves are promoting the political organizathe inauguration of co-operative industry as the basis of the coming are as follows: Campaign but- be sent to local secretaries and to selves. Then carriages were capitalist reform and Socialism. tion of the working class for the overthrow of the wage system and republic.

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## National Headquarters,

Socialist Party.

William Mailly, Nat'l Secretary,

The national campaign fund increased \$782.20 during the week ending Oct. 6, of which amount be published in the issues of Nov. \$550.40 was received as regular 12. The importance of this move contributions, and \$211.80 on the will be seen when it is remem- the following inscription : half day fund, making the total of bered how the capitalist press is list of contributions is not sent to the Socialist vote. the press because it is too long and it is not being published by postal cards will be sent out to table, but the dogs have not yet a copy of the list will be sent di- specially prepared to give the vote they soon sought the splendid graphing the list, which will ap- 1904. The vote for the two years fact that they were bored. So Mr.

### paign Supplies.

Prices have been reduced on national secretary. All that will and his friends enjoyed themsome of the supplies handled by be needed after the vote is known selves hugely chasing the cats unthe national headquarters, so as will be to fill in the vote for 1904 der sofas and over chairs, until to clear out the stock on hand be- and drop the card in the nearest the dogs' owners feared their fore election day. The new prices mail box. The postal cards will treasures might exhaust themare as follows: Campaign but-tons, Debs and Hanford, 25 for Socialists where there are no lo-called and the entertainment, Send 35 cents and get The Referendum and News \$1.35 25c; 50 for 40c; 100 or more for cals, if such Socialists will apply which was one of the season's 6oc a hundred. Booklets, "What direct to the national secretary. Workingmen's Votes Can Do" and "Speeches of Acceptance," by Debs and Hanford, 16 pages each, 10 copies for 25c; 25 for 50c; 65 for \$1: 100 for \$1.25; 200 for \$2; 500 for \$4: 1,000 for \$6.50. Leaflets: "The National Platform:" "Do You Know What Socialism Means:" "The Mission of the Socialist Party," by Debs; "Which Party Should Workingmen Support?" by Simons; \$1 a 1,000 in quantities of 500 or more. In foreign languages the platform and Debs and Simons leaflets, 500 for \$1: 1,000 or over \$1.50 a 1,000. Debs and Hanford stickers, 75c a 1,000. Debs medallions 10c each. Plate paper portraits of Debs and Hanford, pair for 20c. Debs and Hanford cards, blank on one side, 75c a 1,000. No reduction has been made on lithographs, booklets or supplies not mentioned above. All prices include mail or express prepaid. The Eye Opener Is the name of the new campaign card gotten out by the national headquarters. It tells at a glance the whole political situation, using old party representatives for ammunition. Nothing better for the closing days of the campaign. Any workingman can see the point. On one side is a cartoon taken from the New York Herald (democratic) and the Chicago Record-Herald (republican, showing where the old party campaign funds come from and why the old parties support the trusts. On the other are utterances made by Richmond P. Hobson, democrat, and Sherman Bell, republican, and showing why the trusts support the old parties. These cards should be circulated by the million before election day. Sent prepaid, 500 for 60c; 1,000 for \$1; 3,000 and upwards, 75c per 1,000. Order direct from the national secretary, 269 Dearborn street, Chidress. cago, Ill.

ing preparations to get as comafter the polls close on election formed the first course. The dish day. The intention is to send a was delightful. So frankfurters dispatch to all the Socialist papers, giving the election returns salads, ice cream and chocolate. from the various states in time to

To accomplish the object stated is to be filled in as soon as the dressed cards then mailed to the

out my name."

The comrade further states that exactly 751 men were in line in the much advertised Labor day parade of non-union men at Cripple Creek and the citizens' alliance had hard work to get that number. He sends paper badges marked "Law and Order" which were worn in the parade.

WILLIAM MAILLY, National Secretary.

The following nauseating article was clipped from the Chicago Tribune, in Chicago, by a lady named Dorothy Rogers in search of work, and who had stepped into Marshall Field's great department store to look over the 'want" column:

(By Associated Press.) "Newport, R. I., Sept. 30 .- The waning season has become fright-

fully dull. Even the dogs of the fashionable set were yawning, full of ennui. So Harry Lehr hit on the brilliant plan of celebrating the third birthday of Mrs, Lehr's small Pomeranian dog, 'Mighty Atom.' So 'Mighty Atom' today invited to dinner seven dogs of equal breeding and good manners.

"Of course Mrs. Lehr's Pomeranian graced the head of the table. The seven were placed in high chairs, and behind them were seated their mistresses, who were assisted by five butlers in serving plete returns as possible right the delicate menu. Veal cutlets were served next. At last came

> "At last, directly to honor the host, a birthday cake was brought in. On it was delicately frosted

"'Mighty Atom, the Pride of Arleigh, three years old.'

"Three lighted candles illuminated it. Cigarettes were on the any of the papers, except two, and all the locals in the United States been educated down to them, and pear in full from Sept. I to Oct. 6 first named can be filled in before Lehr hit upon a splendid scheme

> "Several cats of nature not too brutal were introduced into the drawing room. 'Mighty Atom'





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# COMRADES

THE REFERENDUM, is the only Socialist paper in the United States, outside the Montana News, which has taken the stand against the Chicago document, called a Socialist Platform, the immediate demands and the Trades Union resolution. THE REFEREN-DUM is now the only clear cut Socialist paper out of the whole eastern bunch. It is time a decided stand is taken between

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"In estimating the probable showing of the Socialist party, we do not venture the use of figures. We leave this to the leaders of the parties that must figure out in advance the apportionment of the spoils. It is sufficient to say that when the smoke of battle clears from the political battlefield in November the whole world will know that there is a national Socialist party in the United States. "EUGENE V. DEBS."

The labor fakirs of Montana, at the slightest suggestion, create a stench in the nostrils of decent people.



Election Returns. The national secretary is mak-

Conditions in Cripple Creek. A comrade in Cripple Creek, Colo., writes the national secretary that conditions in that region are terrible, and no workingman can complain. "You must say you like it or get out. The wages of the stonemasons have been cut a dollar a day, the hodcarriers 50 the cheap boarding houses \$2 a week. All the help in the hotels question. You can hardly get a this rot. thing with a union label on it any

more. I wish some one could be here and write up all the facts for the Socialist press. I can't do it, as I have to work 12 hours a day and I don't feel like writing when I get through. Please do not give 



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greatest successes, ended."

In reading the above, the wage earner who can see through the rungs of a ladder, ought to determine where some of the money exploited off labor goes. While men, women and children are actually starving we are content to tolerate a system that permits of such damnable insanity. While women are driven to prostitution, cents a day, some of the help in through lack of employment, and stalwart men suicide for the same reason, we, who are fortunate from \$30 to \$18; waitresses from enough to possess a job for the \$30 to \$25; the head cook from time being are apathetic enough \$100 to \$75, and two cooks from to look upon such a system with \$80 to \$40 a month. How long indifference. Workingmen, vote we can hold on at this rate is a the Socialist ticket and eliminate

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The Los Angeles Times, the notorious "scab" sheet of the Pacific coast, published a statement that Eugene V. Debs received \$100 for the speech delivered in the city named on Sept. 23, and it is being copied by other capitalist papers in the west. In justice to Comrade Debs it may be stated that he is receiving only sufficient from the different places where he speaks to cover the actual expenses of his tour. In some places the charge is higher than in others, the figure being based upon an estimate of distances to be traveled, advertising matter furnished, and other essentials. Comrade Debs reports all expenses and collections to the national secretary like all the other national speakers. After paying all his expenses, Comrade Debs best of service, deal honestly with remits the balance to the national office, and whatever may remain after advertising matter is paid for will go into the national campaign fund. The trip is quite an expensive one because of the territory covered and the printing bill alone runs close to one thousand dollars. Nearly every one of Comrade Debs' meetings has netted handsome sums for the local campaign funds, the proceeds reaching over \$300 at some points. It is this fact that probably causes alarm among the supporters of Roosevelt and Parker. The Socialist party will be the sole gainers in every way from its presidential candidates' campaign tour.