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# Ridiculed and sploited by Parasites That Fatten Off His Product.

Farmer

Indep ndent

Say Mr. Montana farmer, rest only a rudimentary knowledge of any from your labors a minute and let thing except hard work-which afme have a word with you. It is not ter all may not be so much against concerning the welfare of your soul their welfare when once the workers and the chances of enjoyment in a learn the interests of their class. future would, but it is in regard to But can you tell me any reason why the welfare of your body and the a gambler, (or speculator) a banchances you have of getting more ker, a pettifogger, a quack doctor enjoyment out of this world here or a preacher should live better or and now. You have been working be more respected than a good fartoo much with your arms and back mer? Yet such is the case. You and you must be tired, so just sit generally look up to them while they down with me and work a little look down on you. When the prowhile with your brains and let us fessional man or the banker comes see if we cannot figure out some driving ont in the conntry with his way to get a little more pleasure out wife you greet them with a hearty of life than we are getting at pres- welcome, insist that they stay to dinner and are pleased to enterent.

"Strong in the arms and weak in tain them, You unhitch the horse, the head" is an old saying. Whether put it in the stable, fill the manger that be true or not you have no with hay and give it a generous doubt noticed that the man who feed of oats, while your wife spreads works with his brains generally gets the board with the best the garden, more out of life than you do. He hennery and milk-house afford. is generally a doctor, lawyer, mer- He examines your stock and buildchant, banker, gambler or preach- ings, passes favorable comment on er. He most always lives in town the way you have things arranged, where he can enjoy the pleasures praises your crop and just tickles of social intercourse. You live an you half to death with the lively isolated life on the farm where so- interest he takes in your place. cial pleasures are few and far be- Sure, why not? He has business tween. He lives in a good house, interests, and the success or failure with bath room, electric light, steam of farm crops act on business interheat and other modern conveniences. ests like sunshine and cloud act on You live in a poor house, without a barometer. And then, beside, the sufficient room and no modern con- chances are he has a mortgage on veniences. His wife goes to the fair the whole thing.

at Portland, or to California to spend When you go to town he meets the winter, or back east to visit the you with the glad hand because it folks while your wife works hard the is policy to do so but he don't enyear round on the ranch. While vite you to his home. He don't his wife is attending lawn parties or say, "just in time, come on out to enjoying carriage drives in the long dinner with me." Not much, you summer evenings, your wife is milk- might shock his wife or daughters ing the cows, making butter, tend- by your unconventional manners. ing to the chickens, or working in His wife meets your wife face to the garden. In the long winter face on the main street about half evenings his wife goes to the theatre past eleven. His wife has in her or to the Women's club, or some hand a box of nice berries or some literary society to brighten up her other little delicacy she has just intellect, while your wife spends the bought for dinner, and his wife says evening darning socks, patching to your wife, "you must call on me overalls and mending your overalls some time when you are in town." so you will not freeze to death doing Some other time of course, knowthe chores. He sends his boys to ing that your wife does not get to high schools and teaches them a town more than twice a year. It is profession. You find it hard to a terrible misfortune to be too well spare your boys from the ranch, ex- bred to appreciate kind treatment. cept for a few weeks in the winter | When we speak of "town people" and most of them grow up with the class we have been speaking 

about are the ones that generally and ask what you will take for it? come up in our minds, but when we Not on your life. You go to him come to think about it we find they and ask what he is paying. When are not the "whole thing" after all. you go into a store to get a suit of Let's see. You raise grain and clothes or a pair of shoes does the vegetables and beef to sell, Who merchant say "what will you give buys your product-or rather, who me for them?" Not much. You buys it last, who eats it? We all ask his price. Does the factory know that the class we have been hand, shopman or miner who conspeaking about gets the best of it. sumes your product set the price he Of course, why shouldn't they? If pays for it? Nit. Do the men, you hire a small boy to take a bas- women and little children whose ket of peaches to market and he is lives are ground up into the clothto take his pay from the basket you ing and shoes you wear put the price would not expect him to take the on their product? They own no poorest or smallest peaches would product. They own nothing but you? Different with the boy-es- their labor power which they have pecially if he can make you believe to sell in a market controlled by there is no other kid around that hunger and they are absolutely at you can get to do the job. the mercy of the men who own the

If we follow up the product of the machines. farm we find that the great bulk of But are you so much better off it is consumed by a different class than they? Can you get along with paration of food for consumers. For of people, a class who, like your- out the use of machines? Let the several years I was an employe of a selves are doing useful and neces- railroads stop for one month and wholesale grocery store in an eastsary work. They work in shop and you would see. Don't talk about ern city, and learned something of factory, mine and mill. While you getting out your old bull teams. As the methods used in that business are busy on the farm raising food well talk about going back to cave- in the way of fixing food. Low for them to eat, they are busy in dwelling. Yesterday is gone for- grade roasted coffees are subjected the towns and cities making cloth- ever. Evolution don't work back- to a treatment of liquid starch, ing and shoes and furniture and wards. You can grow an oak tree spanish brown and venetian red. The tools for your use and enjoyment. from an acorn but you can't force latter are well known pigments used You see we are divided (mark the the tree back into the old shell. in paints. Liquid starch is an alword divided) into two great groups Our present civilization cannot exist most translucent, semi-fluid preparof workers, who produce and produce, without machines, much less the ation, known, I suppose, to the and produce until we produce so future one. "Oh' but I own my trade only. These are all boiled tomuch that it piles up and crowds us own machines" you say. Yes, you gether, and while hot, sprinkled over out of the factory and off of the own your reaper and mower and the coffee, which is in a cylinder farm and we get that social desease plow and harrow (provided they that is put in motion for twenty called "over-production," and then are paid for) but your machines minutes. This compound gives the we sit down and and burn our cot- are made by vastly greater machin- desired color, and the glaze. Thus ton and our corn until we make es which you do not own and which we have a four-fold blend. Liquid room to go to work again. Now, you cannot use to make your mach- stock, spanish brown, venetian red doesn't it seem reasonable that these ines with, except by permission of and-coffee. workers who are continually pro- and on conditions dictated by, the From two to four grades of coffee ducing goods to exchange with each man who does own the greater mach- thus colored are put into a hopper other ought to have something to ine. And the man who owns the having four compartments, the consay about the conditions of the trade? greater machine—the factory—fixes tents going through a common spout A works on a farm and B works the wages of the man who makes to the man below, who fills coffee in a factory. A produces potatoes the mower and also fixes the price orders. It is weighed into fiftythat are used by B and B produces the man who uses the mower has to pound cases and branded to suit the shoes that are used by A. And yet pay for the mower, see! Then how kinds ordered. If the order be for neither A nor B have anything to about the machines that you have fifty-pound "Morning Dew," it is say about how much of the others to use to get your product to mar- so marked on the box, if for "Anproduct he shall get for his own ket-the railroads, grain elevators, gel's Favorite," then "Angel's Fav-You say you are from Missouri? etc., and that most perfect machine orite" it is. And thus up to five When you go to town with a load of called the beef trust that controls the different names of coffee, all out of grain does the buyer come to you (Continued on page 2)

**FATHER M'GRADY ON THE SCHOOLS** 

# **Fricks** of the Trade

People Poisoned for Profit---Rotten **Tomatoes for Catsup---Glucose** Prunes-Painted Coffee.

There is much to be said about to the pound, thus rating them a ments of industry as well as in politics.

There is no exception in the pre-

the same batch.

Green unroasted coffee is treated with paris green and arsnic, both leadly poisons. Paris green is

the "tricks of trade" in all depart- decade larger and less in number to the pound, and for this reason a little more price, better price, etc.

> To do this, they are put into a steam box, glucose is applied, steam turned on, and there you are. The result is a somewhat larger, smoother, darker or black fruit. Dried apples are treated to a bath of water. When coming in from the country they are hard and dry, but the water applied makes more weight and enhances their appearance. These are put into boxes and marked "New York Dried Apples." The people are paying for this water so much per pound, same as for the apples. Dried peaches and dried appricots are given the same treatment. This adds to the size, weight. appearance and price.

Decayed raspberries are mixed with good ones and put through the steam and glucose process.

California canned fruit does not always grow in California. Car loads of canned peaches coming ing from Baltimore to a western city are not likely to be grown in California. Cases containing two dozen caus with beautiful labels embellished with the legend, "Santa Clara Golden Clings," or "Santa Babara Silver Freestones;" but the cases are left blank for obvious reasons in shipping. They are suitably marked in the house.

Imperfectly canned tomatoes often burst open; these are soured, spoiled, often quite rotten. Such are sold to pickle and catsup makers.

And we have all along supposed that cheese was made from milk.

Well, yes, some of it is; a long way

from milk! Some cheese is known

as "Filled Cheese." The filling is

lard, swine oil, hog fat. Need we

wonder that some of it developes

so much grease? Rockefeller should

have a trust on this also, and be the

whole cheese.

## FURTHER OBJECTIONS AGAINST THE PRIMARY LAW.

A correspondent from Great Falls | any corporation paper, or advocate contributes the following: or any other medium of individual,

"I would like to add another kick to show that the primary law will to the list of heavy objections stop corruption at the ballot box, against the primary law. Hoping or will prevent large corporations to run for dog catcher on the only from spotting their employes. Of ticket' sometime, I haven't got the all the papers that are sounding the nerve to ask an employe of a cor- praises of the law throughout the poration to sign my petition with state, not one has ever attempted address attached when said corpor- to show any benefit that would be ation is plugging for a man of its derived from it. It is in the counown for the position. The court ties copper-collared by the Amalgamay liberally constructhis law. May mated and other great corporations they not so construe it that the 3 that the most strenuous efforts are per cent of voters signed in the pe- being made to put the law to a reftition must have been registered at erendum. The slaves of the copthe last presidential election? If so, per company in Ravalli county have by the time we were ready for the already been duped and terrified the past year books had been sold to publication of more books during the next presidential election methinks into voting for the adoption of the the amount of \$10,587.37, that \$2,356.87 past year than in any three previous the candidate would have to buy measure. As our organizer says, tickets to all parts of our free na- they already do not dare to speak tion. I am against anything that above a whisper, and henceforth will interfere with the secret ballot | can only endorse the candidates of before, at, or after the primaries, or their masters without being spotted corporation during the past year, bring elected to the board of directors and and turned out of a job. before, at or after the elections.

"G. W. McDERMOTT." The News issues a challenge to Cascade county votes on it March (Continued on page 2.)

of the people of every nation of every

race and color on the globe. Socialism

but by all churches and all religions,

norance. This move in St. Louis is

The archbishop says, in

From Father McGrady's St. Louis of his diocese to advise their parishonspeech during the World's Fair: "There is a great question presented to socialism. I respect the church, and to the people of Missouri in the con- I respect the religious convictions and stitutional amendment providing for opinions of every man, but when the free text-books for the children of the church so far forgets her sacred calling public schools. Socialism stands for of saving souls and enters the arena universal education; for free books, of politics, she must expect to be free food and for free clothing for all treated like a politician. The Catholics who are unable to pay for them. It is claim they are opposed to socialism betrue that we have free schools, but the cause socialism is atheism. This charge majority of our children are compelled, is false. The socialist party is made at the age of 12 years, to leave the up of people of every shade of religious schoolroom and answer, instead of the belief and of those who have no reschool bell, the factory whistle, and ligious beliefs at all. It is made up take their places among the toilers in the uneven struggle for existence. "Why should not the children of the is opposed not by this church alone,

poor, as well as the children of the rich, be given an education to fit them because the churches now, as always, for the duties of life and citizenship? have represented that conservatism The child of the hovel is entitled to which is based on superstition and igall the priviliges of mental and moral development that is accorded the child movement in favor of superstition and of the millionaire. We stand for the ignorance. uplifting of humanity and for the high- substance to his followers, 'we must est degree of mental and moral devel- not allow the people to think, for if opment that glorifies the dawn of they think, they will become socialists. twentieth century civilization,

### Criticises Archbishop.

"The archbishop of this city has announced his opposition to the adoption church can't stand for that it must of the amendment to the constitution go down. If it can not stand for eduof Missouri providing for free books cation, it can not stand for truth, and for the children of the poor, and has if it can not stand for truth, it has no called upon the pastors of the churches right to exist."

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### ANNUAL STATEMENT OF KERR & COMPANY

The annual stockholders' meeting of | interest bearing debt to non-stockholdthe co-operative publishing house of ers was practically wiped out and for Charles H. Kerr & Company was held the first time in the history of the on January 15. The report there made company the receipts from sales of litshowed a most remarkable and gratify- erature showed an actual balance over ing improvement in the conditions of expenses. The additional capital which the business. It showed that during had been contributed made possible the had been received for the International years in the history of the company Socialist Review, and that donations The outlook for the forthcoming year to the amount of \$1,686.35 had been re- | would seem to indicate that this recceived. One hundred and ninety-three ord in turn would be far exceeded durnew stockholders have entered the ing 1906. Seymour Stedman was ing a substantial increase in capital, as secretary of the company for the and what is more important still, a ensuing year. Charles H. Kerr and wide extension of buyers, readers and A. M. Simons were re-elected as presi-

used for imitating the greenish tint of certain grades of Mexican coffee; ers to vote against it because it leads the arsenic for bleaching. It is claimed, however, that when the coffee is roasted, this paris green burns offthe poisons were in stock with the other medicines, but I did not see them used.

As the numeral R stands for 80, Prunes are known to the trade by numbers; so many to the pound, this is the number of cents that go and so up to 120 to 130. It will be to the capitalist out of every dollar understood that the latter are the produced. This brings us to the very small ones, the price diminish- next letter of the alphabet, S, of ing as the number to the pound in- which we cannot speak. write or creases. For instance, a 70 to 80 think without spelling SOCIALISM. prune is to be reduced to 60 to 70 J. J. HUGHES.

### THE GREAT STRUGGLE GOING ON IN FINLAND.

The Finnish Socialists of Greater New York held a mass meeting tion of the dependencies of Russia, "We want every child, however recently and resolved to give moral still retained a considerable measure poor, to have the same opportunity as and material aid to the revolutionary of independence until the year 1899, the rich for an education, and if the forces in Finland. An executive com- when the czar's manifesto deprived mittee was elected, most of whose the upper classes of Finland of members are nembers of the Socialist what little political freedom they

> following appeal has now been lower class, the workers, these have issued:

Locals, and Comrades: You have all drawing high salaries and always doubtless followed the course of supported by the bourgeoisie, have the historical struggle, the revolution been permitted to suck the blood of that the entire great Russian nation, the lower classes at will. with the Social Democrats in the van, are making for their liberty. They demand the dethronement of people demand for themselves-that the autocratic Czar, the downfall of is, for the people-equal suffrage the corrupt government, and the for every man and woman of age; overthrow of the entire upper class- a representative body to consist of es: for these despoilers of the bread | one chamber only, freedom of union, of the people and constant opposers assembly, speech, and press, 2 most of enlightment have, for centuries, eral law prohibiting the sale of inbeen a stumbling block to the intellectual progress and social better- ant reforms. distributers of socialist literature. The dent and vice president respectively. ment of the common people.

"Finland, the foremost in civiliza-Party of the United States, and the had hitherto possessed. As to the never known political rights. A "To Labor Unions, Socialist numerous class of office-holders,

> "But now, the revolution having broken out in Russia, the Finnish toxicating liquors; and other import-

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### ANOTHER INDUSTRIAL MURDER.

The coroner's jury which investigated the recent dreadful catastrophy on the Northern Pacific road has brought in a verdict that is rather out of the usual.

They have placed the blame on the railroad company, and charged If the entire blame could be fixed on that corporation with working its employes too many hours.

Evidence was given during the investigation which showed that the train crew had been on duty twenty hours when the accident occurred, with nothing to eat for eleven hours and they will probably act with apparent negligence.

The train was left on a mountain siding, the air brakes had been set, and the engine uncoupled from the train. The air on a train unless kept charged, will leak away in 30 minutes. To guard against this, the hand brakes are set. From the testimony given it would seem that

average hours worked by railway and will be in service 56 hours without sleep in order to hold their job.

ulary. Promotion for officials depends on quick dispatch. And it costs INDEPENDENT FARMER money to educate new men in railroading. Hence the custom is to

make old employes do all the work lucky and retained, otherwise they are considered hoodooed and discharged. The so-call lucky ones usually meet with an accident and are killed all that is said is "well

they got Bill's pelt at last." To a layman it appeared that County Attorney La Croix during

the investigation was trying to prove that the train crew were entirely to blame for the wreck. Had he proved such it would have undoubtedly have saved the railroad considerable, as it would have brought the fellow servant law into operation, when the widows of the conductor and expressman who were killed, applied for damages.

the train crew the widows of the trainmen would not receive a penny

from the railroad as the fellow servant law exonerates the corporation from all liabilities where the employes are to blame. To a laymen and had had nothing to eat from 5 it appears that La Croix was trya. m. till 4 p. m. The jury also ing to save the railway from a damcharges the train crew with being age suit on the part of the widows negligent in the handling of their of their employes who were killed. train. Put the jury or any one else All such accidents as occurred on in charge of a train for twenty hours the Helena hill can be avoided by eliminating the question of dividends and cheapness. Such accidents will continue to occur as long as railroads are operated for profit. Abolish the profit system and go per

> MISLEADERS OF THE WORK-ING CLASS

cent of railroad accidents will cease.

The Workingmen's Educational between producer and consumer, or we shall all be workers together, the train crew did not set the hand club is arousing considerable sus- between the two groups of produc-

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track covered by trains that have a bad one to follow in the line of in- as some other man owns some one sleeping engineer in the cab. This struction of the working class. No thing that you must have to live. may be exaggerated but get into the lawyers, preachers, or professional Production is not completed until railroad service awhile and you will gamblers were allowed to belong to the product is placed before the soon be convinced of the fact. The their order, or to address it. men in the train service are dress the club on sanitary condi- ranch-all your own. What good from 14 to 16 hours per day. Great tions, teachers on matters of tech- are they to you there? You can't numbers work 570 hours in a month nical information, and workingmen eat them all and if you don't get Trains must be got over the road ers' club in a town should be a cen- process, you must get them to marby hook or by crook and depend- ter for substantial and wholesome ket. And to get them to market ence on good luck. "Good luck" is influences and not for feeble repeti- you must use the tools which bea great word in the railway vocab- tions of social disease.

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possible. Is they manage to keep refrigerator car trade of the entire the machines that we all have to out of a wreck they are considered country and can tell you the price use are owned and controlled by a you will get for your beef in the Chicago market before it leaves the ranch? Got any stock in them? But what's the use anyway of splitting hairs over the proper way to hold-up a man. If you're robbed

you're robbed, it don't make any difference whether the job is done with a six shooter or a cannon. Suppose you do own your land and tools; if I own the bridge over which you must pass to get to maryour product that I want. I would'nt be unreasonable and take it all or you might get discouraged be to the interest of the possessing if there were two many of you, you might muster up a Boston Tea Party spirit and chuck me in the river some fine morning. No, I would be a "good" baron; I would leave you enough to encourage you and tell you that although I was making very little on the investment I intended to lower the toll next year.

There are several ways of exploiting people. One is to own the land and the people and compel them to work, taking the product and giving the people the same care you do a horse. This is an old, worn out, expensive way. Another is to own the land and let people work it, keeping a certain share for themselves and giving the balance to the owner of the land. Another way is to hold a mortgage on the land and take a share of the product in

consumer Suppose you have a Physicians could be asked to ad- thousand head of cattle on your could prepare papers which would rid of them they will eat themselves. be thoroughly discussed. A work- You must complete the productive long to the other man and pay the price he asks. And then-the oth-

er fellow controls the market and pays you what he likes on one hand and charges what he likes to the

consumer on the other hand. Don't the trouble seem to be that few men who by virtue of that ownership have power over the lives of all those who have to use the machines. Since we all have to use these machines would it not be better to have them owned by all? I said above that the two great

groups of workers are divided. Not geographically, religiously or socially; we are divided industrially. And we are just beginning to see that the good of each group is bound ket I can take what share of up in the welfare of the other. And worse yet we are divided politically among ourselves. And it seems to and not put in any crop another class, in their short-sightedness, to year, or you might move away, or keep us divided for when these two affairs that will shake some of the cobwebs out of the temple of jusnever till then. The farmers especially can never hope to accomplish anything independently. We are less than forty per cent of the Can't win any thing with a forty per cent vote. Now let us quote a par-

agraph for your consideration: "Socialism means that all those in common be owned and administered. It means that the tools of creators and users; that all production shall be for the direct use of producers; that the making of goods interest. A better way is to stand for profit shall come to an end; that

brakes on enough cats to hold the picion and unfavorable comment in ers; get control of the bridge-the open and equal to all men." That is from the platform of the Men who are overworked espec- the character of the "education" it the exchange of goods. But about Socialist Party, the only party of ially at such nerve racking business is unloading upon them at its Sun- the best and easiest way to own the the working class; the party that slave market has, in many quarters, as railroading on the mountain, are day evening meetings. It is a fact machines and tools that the people stands for the abolition of wage- engendered bitter race feeling, and that not in a condition either mentally or deserving of close attention and must use, is to pay wages for their slavery, war, prostitution, 'and all they might bid the fiercer against each the concomitant evils of the capitalistic system of production, the join hands with the factory worker and by a united effort gain industrial independence for all.

# Socialism and the Negro Problem By CHARLES H. VAIL

### (Continued from last week.)

ence and prosperity by securing labor to all and recompensing each according to performance. Socialism contains the only hope for either black or white. True liberty and freedom can only be attained in the co-operative commonwealth.

But it may be said that although Socialism would emancipate the negro from economic servitude, it would not completely solve the negro problem un less its advent would destroy race prej udices. This is precisely what Socialism would do. Of course, it would not accomplish it all at once, but race prejudices cannot exist with true enlightenment. Socialism would educate and enlighten the race. It would secure to the laborers, whether black or white, the full opportunities for the education of their children. Socialism would not only demand that all children be educated, but it would make compulsory education effective by removing the incentive to deprive children of instruction. Today thousands of children, white and black, are robbed of the bright days of childhood simply because employers can make money out of them. The income of the parents being insufficient to keep them in school, they are withdrawn from the school and sent to the factory. great groups of workers unite politi- It does but little good to pass laws cally there will be a readjustment of prohibiting child labor so long as it is beneficial to both parents and capitalists; they will conspire in some way to evade the law. The lack or tice and limber up the scales. And learning, then, is not the fault of the schools, but of our economic system which deprives the poor of the opportunity of utilizing them. Socialism would secure to all children this opportunity by giving to the head of the vote and constantly growing weaker. family sufficient income so that his children would not be obliged to become bread-winners. Socialism would not only secure to the child an education, but it would secure to the adult ample leisure for the cultivation of things upon which the people in those tastes which his training has common depend shall by the people awakened. These blessings would not be confined to the white race; Socialism recognizes no class nor race distinction. It draws no line of excluemployment shall belong to their sion. Under Socialism the negro will enjoy, equally with the whites, the advantages and opportunities for culture and refinement. In this higher education we may be sure race prejudices will be obliterated. Not only will universal enlightenand that all opportunities shall be ment destroy this low prejudice but abolition of competition will aid in working the same result. The struggle between the black and white to sell other the masters have fanned this prejudice into hate. In other sections, as in the coal mines and railroad party that asks the farm worker to camps, the blacks have been used by the masters as a club to beat down striking whites. This antagonism will cease under Socialism, and with it the hatred which springs from all class conflicts. It will even disappear under as workingmen recognize the solidarity of human labor. Socialism emphasizes the fact that the interests of all laborers are identical regardless of race or sex. In this common class interest Main St., has been nicely fitted up race distinctions are forgotten. If this is true of Socialists today, how much more will it be true when humanity is lifted to the higher plane where the economic interests of all are identical Socialism, then, is the only solution of the negro problem. It offers to this much-wronged race the joys and privil eges of an emancipated humanity. It proposes to make him joint owner with his white neighbor in the nation's capital, and to secure him equal opportunity for the attainment of wealth and

ists. The interests of these two classes are diametrically opposed, and the time has come for the black and the white to join hands at the ballot box against the common enemy-capitalism.

The Socialist party is the only political organization that has anything to offer the colored race. The Republican and Democratic parties are both parties of capitalism, and could not help the negro if they would, and would not if they could. There is absolutely no choice between these two parties so far as the rights of labor are concerned. They both represent the interests of the capitalist class, and their sham battles are for the purpose of dividing the laborers into various factions lest they unite to secure their freedom.

The experience of the negro since the Civil War has proven that the colored race will never secure equal opportunities so long as the present syse exists. They were given the ballot by the Republican party, because that party wished to use them as a tool against the Democrats. The white laborer was originally endowed with the franchise for precisely the same motives. When the mercantile class wished to wipe out the last thread of landed aristocracy they gave the ballot to the workers and used them as a weapon to accomplish that end. The laborers have been continually deceived and intimidated into doing the masters' bidding ever since. The negro, perhaps, has been the most deceived of any branch of the working class. He has been taught that he is the special ward of the Republican party, and he has turned in the midst of the barbaric outrages committed by Southern fanatics and asked his supposed friends for help, but his appeals have fallen on deaf ears. The recent disfranchisement of the negro a the South is but an indication of what capitalists will soon try to do with all the workers regardless of color and regardless of location. The conditions of forty or fifty years ago have changed. The capitalist class of the North and the South have now joined hands as the owners of wage slaves, and while the Democratic party represents the interests of the small capitalist and the Republican party the interests of the large capitalist, the interests of both are opposed to the laborer.

May the negro wage slave become awakened to his own interests, the interests of the class of which he is a member, and cast his ballot for the only party that stands for human emancipation - the Socialist party. When Socialism supplants capitalism, the negro problem will be forever solved

physically to attend to details and consideration by the working class work and take all the product. This see that everything is secure. When that the majority of the speakers is the way the city group of workers nature gets exhausted everything that have been brought before this are exploited. The slave hunts the goes to the dogs and this hold s as club are members of the legal pro- master. So much easier than the good with railroad men as any one else.

At the last session of the legisat eight hours on the railroad was presented, but the officials in Mon-Northern Pacific railways went before the committee that had the railroad eight hour bill and said it was impossible to run a railroad give the lamb. under the eight hour iaw. This being a legislature subservient to corporation wishes it adopted the reeight hour railroad bill.

by officials over him in order that he ers.

shall make another trip. If he intheir job in jeopardy, or to curry

favor with their officials will consent to be a good fellow and make anthe same risk.

cur owing to the fact that the train weeks ago.

crews are overworked, there would

train after the air had leaked away. the minds of the working class by market- and take toll both ways on fession. From the beginning of old way when the master watched history this class has both framed the slaves to keep them from run-

and upheld the form of the institu- ning away and was obliged to take lature a bill fixing the working day tions by which ruling classes have some interest in their health and exploited and governed the working lives. For when one died it cost class. Lawyers are the hereditary something to get another.

You see about the only way in tana of the Great Northern and enemies of the working class, and the "education" they will give them which the farmer has the best of the may be expected to be something in city worker is that he is sure of his the nature of what the wolf might job. The farmer can't quit his job It's work himself, work his wife,

Another odd circumstance in rework his children, early and late the gard to these "speakers" is that year round-and this is what he FURTHER OBJECTIONS most of the time honored stump po- calls being "independent." And port of the committee and killed the litical spell-binders who have, in the if he be a little more independent past, warily enticed the laboring than the city worker it is nothing to

It is true that a train man can man to swallow the capitalist pill. pride himself on, for as Simons says call for eight hours rest if exhausted sugar-coated with "reform," "liber- in the "American Farmer" this fact after he reaches the end of a divi- ality," "radicalism," and so forth, is but a proof that he is in a lower sion; but if a train is waiting for a have been summoned from the stage of economic development, for crew when he makes his application shades of the past to perform their the tendency of social evolution is for rest he is coaxed, or bulldozed stint before the long-suffering work- toward greater inter-dependence."

The working class has a right to any farmer.

sists on rest, he is branded as no be tired of this hollow aping of the But a word more about the mach good and the first opportunity that capitalist class. They have a right ine, the machine the farmer owns. arises he is discharged. Knowing to demand something strong and This very machine the farmer owns this many men, in order not to place true and real, and consistent with is but a whip over his back. His their class interests. neighbor gets a machine that in-

creases his product. To compete Moreover, another objection is that the program is not arranged with his neighbor he has got to get other trip when they are absolutely according to democratic principles. a machine to produce as much as exhausted. Others in order to get If the members of the club could the other. Each improvement that a big check on pay-day will assume vote upon who is to address them is made in production spurs him on we believe that the state secretary to greater exertion only to have the

If the general public knew of the of the Socialist party would not have men who own the greater machines narrow escapes from wrecks that oc- been turned down as he was a few exploit himthe more. It is in the ownership of the land and machines

This is written in a spirit of friend- that the farmer is hoodwinked. He be such a cry go up that the ques- ly criticism. We would suggest to is made to believe that because of tion of rate legislation would not be the committee that the method of that, he is independent. It makes in it. There are many miles of the old Knights of Labor is not a no difference what you own so long North Main St. . Helena, Mont. classes-the laborers and the capital- order of the world."

Think about this my farmer friend use your brains more and you will the present system just in proportion have to use your back less.

J. FRANK MABIE.

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# **TO PRIMARY LAW**

(Continued from page 1)

27. In Lewis and Clark, Park, Fergus, Choteau, Flathead and Carbon political tools of the great corporation are circulating petitions to have the law submitted to vote.

social gods to reduce you to help-

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progress. Socialism will secure to him the enjoyment of the inalienable rights of all men to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. Today, in common with all wage slaves, he is deprived, by an economic system of inequality, of the privilege of exercising such rights. In the new economic environment where the negro will enjoy equalbe deceived by this device of the ity of opportunity, he will take on a new development.

The only hope for the colored race is in Socialism, that system of society that gives to every individual, without regard to race, color or sex, an equal opportunity to develop the best within him. In such a society an individual's social position will be determined by the use he makes of his opportunitiesby what he becomes.

Socialism, then, is the only hope for the negro and for humanity. To realize this ideal is the mission of the working class. Modern production is wiping out all distinction of race and and opportunity shall be secured to color and dividing society into two every man and fraternity become the

Resolution adopted by the Socialist party in national convention at Indianapolis, Ind., July 31, 1901:

"Whereas, The negroes of the United States, because of their long training in slavery and but recent emancipation therefrom, occupy ..

sition in the working class and in society at large:

.. nereas, The capitalist class seeks to preserve this pecua . ondition, and to foster and increase color prejudice and race hatred between the white worker and the black, so as to make their social and economic interests to appear to be separate and antagonistic, in order that the workers of both races may thereby be more easily and completely exploited;

"Whereas, Both the old political parties and educational and religious institutions alike betray the negro in his present helpless struggle against disfranchisement and violence, in order to receive the economic favors of the capitalist class; be it therefore;

"Resolved, That we the Socialists of America, in national convention as sembled, do hereby, assure our negro fellow worker of our sympathy with him in his subjection to lawlessness and oppression, and also asure him of the fellowship of the workers who suffer from the lawessness and exploitation of capital in every nation or tribe of the world; be it further

"Resolved, That we declare to the negro worker the identity of his interests and struggles with the interests and struggles of the workers of all lands, without regard to race or color or sectional lines; that the causes which have made him the victim of social and political inequality are the effects of the long exploitation of his labor power; that all social and race prejudices spring from the ancient economic causes which still endure, to the misery of the whole human family, that the only line of division which exists in fact is that between the producers and the owners of the world-between capitalism and labor; and be it further

"Resolved, That we, the American Socialist party, invite the negro to membership and fellowship with us in the world movement for economic emancipation by which equal liberty

Workingmen, vote it down! It is another step to your disfranchisement; vote it down. It destroys the secret ballot; vote it down! Do not

less puppets. petition and referendum. ..............................

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WHO IS A SOCIALIST?

God Means for all men, the privilege to toil, To breath pure air; to till the fertile soil-The right to live to love, to woo, to wed And carn for hungry mouths their meed of bread, The Socialist is he who claims no more Than his own share from generous uatu

But that he asks, and asks, too that no other Shall claim the share of any weaker brother And brand him beggar in his own domain To glut a mad, inordinate lust for gain. The Socialist is one who holds the best Of all God's gifts is toil the second, rest, He asks that all men learn the sweets of labor And that no idler fatten on his neighbor That all men be allowed their share of leisure. Nor thousande slave that one may seek his pleasure.

Who on the Golden Rule shall dare insist-Behold in him the modern Socialist. -ELLA WHEELER WILCOX

State News

### The locals that have raised and forwarded money to the Russian revolutionary fund are requested to send in a statement to the state secretary, in order that he may send a report of what has been raised in Montana, to the national secretary. Make a statement of what your town has forwarded or raised for our Russian comrades and send it in.

Helena local is taking steps of preparation for its city campaign. A committee composed of Comrades Baur, Hughes, Fairgrieve and Graham has been appointed to draft a platform. Special notices have been sent out for all members to be present at the meeting this evening for a full discussion of matters pertaining to the approaching campaign.

The lady members of the local were appointed a committee to make arrangements for a social entertainment. Comrade Iva Sartain was made chairman.

Comrade Mabie has been at Butte all week working in the interest of the News, and getting acquainted with the socialists in that burg. He has sent in about thirty suoscriptions, and reports more coming,

Comrade T. J. Rooney, member of the local quorum from Livingston, was up Sunday and Monday bers xx:18. looking after the News plant, and seeing what supplies and equipment Judges iii:28.

are lacking. He has got his jaw set to see that we have the proper working materials in this office.

It was the intention when installing our labor column that it should Jonah i:3. contain a report of the actual haphere in the office, except as it is sent properties. in to us. We would be glad if the

put up a good labor column.

#### St. Paul's First Train.

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### **State Department** 18

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Mabie article.

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sends in for some subscription

Comrade McHugh sends in a list News throughout the length and of six from Anaconda. The com- breadth of the land by means of rades here have bought and dis- sample copies, I om enclosing you in Montana for the month of Decemtributed considerable literature in a list of North Dakota names to ber. There are 29 not reporting. the last three months, and paid whom I think your paper will prove These 12 report 33 new members. \$30 rent for a reading room. This both interesting and instructive. 157 paid up to date, 155 in arrears.

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high class literature they study.

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Comrade Hagen sends in a couple region.

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Comrade Ruhsamer of Chestnut constitutions. Of all things the comrades should get these constitutions and familiarize themselves the official position of the party and many subscribers to the News as very learn to do things right, comrades. party policy.

Comrade McDonald of Lewis- blanks though, and says he will do town local wants to know when we all he can. can send a speaker to Forest Grove. He says we can get the hall free there. He says in regard to Local Peters of Red Lodge enclosing \$6 Maiden: "I tell you they are the tor due stamps. He says they are well attended by non-socialists as

well as socialists." . . .

Local Victor was revived last ings and collecting dues. I think the best thing you can do is to have night at the close of the second public meeting. After the regular meeting the comrades remained and it fact that the party needs funds." was decided that in view of the fact that most ot the old officers were absent from town, to elect a new is concerned, and the socialists set of officers. Those elected are resident citizens of the place and it it is hoped the local from now on will be of a more stable characpaign against the primary law. ter. The new officers are: D. Walford, secretary, Michael Kerchner, organizer; Silas Ault, treasurer; ing, especially the last one, mostly is one of the points reorganized by democrats and republicans. The Comrade King. so called socialists are an enigma, the fighting socialists only being in evidence. The stay-at-home socialist voter is plentifully sprinkled [ They gave an entertainment on Janin this neighborhood, and he constitutes the problem of the hour in the movement. The Victor local is laying plans to carry the campaign among these silent ones. Literature was sold at the meetings amounting to \$3.05 and several subscriptions were taken for the Montana News. Many democrats and republicans expressed themselves as seeing socialism in a new light.

around Great Falls is to make a the night before, and no stamps to house to house canvass distributing put on the cards. literature, and taking subscriptions for the News.

Only twelve locals have reported however, they have been compelled I am glad to see the party taking 319 on roll, 300 stamps bought, \$26 to abandon on account of expense. the position of owning its own pa- literature bought, 20 business meetper." We should like to call the ings. The report is unusually good the work in here the problem of Comrade Selby of Ft. Benton attention of the comrades to the fact for the locals reporting. If the rest footing the bills is lightened a whole sends in five subscriptions, and or- that while we are willing and desir- of the locals had sent in their re- lot in this office. ders the "Origin of the Family, ous of sampling as widely as possible ports as they should have done, the Private Property and the State," with the News, a list of subs now showing of Montana would be first by Engels. The comrades at this and then is what makes it possible class. The comrades should show point are noteworthy because of the for this paper to lubricate the wheels a business like punctuality in regard Livingston is once more ahead of to these reports. There is no use Great Falls, and is now the second in talking about a co-operative in the state.

Comrade Spangler of Seattle commonwealth and the working of subs from Judith. This is the sends in a list of Virginia and Wash- class running the industries so long first entrance of the News in this ington names for sampling with the as they cannot run their organizations. The reports for January should be in by the tenth of Feb-Local Great Falls sends for 100 ruary. Jog your secretary up and sends in an order for some state of the "Primary Principles" leaflets. see that he does his duty. If the locals send their reports in it en-Comrade Peter Reimen of the Butte ables the state secretary to get his Finn local sends in three subscrip- into the national, with some sort of with their contents so as to know tions. He says he can not get businesslike expedition. Let us avoid making breaks in regard to few of the Finns in Butte are able It is just as easy and the results are to read the English language. He a whole lot better.

> Have you sent in your order for bundles for the farmer article, one

cent apiece?

We have a letter from Comrade We are in receipt of many inter esting clippings from comrades who right sort of socialists up there. trying to get the boys down there are watching closely the industrial They believe in letting people know lined up again. They have a good and social development. It is need that there is something doing, and meeting place now free of rent, and less to say it is impossible for us to they have the right system that will hold their meetings Tuesday nights. use them all, or even comment upon make their meetings popular and He says: "I can't find out much them. But we are glad to note the about the Finn local. All the Finns alertness on the part of the so-I knew have left. As near as I can cialist thought of the state, and will find out they are still hdoling meet- always give consideration to as much as our space permits. . . .

> some of the Finns in Butte write A list of 15 and two subs for the them and call their attention to the Appeal from our substantial friend. W. L. Cragg of Lewistown this week. Carbon is the banner county of We thing Fergus county will have Montana ss far as the socialist vote enough to fight the primary law. . . .

> A letter from Comrade Platt o should be on their mettle to show Como: "I have been at the coast that they merit their spurs. They have commenced a vigorous cam- for three weeks, and fortunately reachod Hamilton the night before Comrade King reached there. I met him, and after reaching home

Secretary Bjornby of Local Kal-James Robb, literary agent. There ispell sends in \$4.50, dues for ten started out to help secure a meeting was a fair attendance at both meet- members for three months. This at Darby. We found that no active measures had been taken there to secure a hall and an audience. We took active measures ourselves and secured a fair audience for such short notice. Mr. King elicited marked attention and created renewed interest among chose favorable to our cause. He acquitted himself to the satisfaction of his hearers and had several knotty questions to unravel at the close of his speech. Comrade Ryan of Havre has ordered 124 books for the local at that point. The selection is a fine one and will produce great results up in that country. It takes reading and study to make intelligent socialists that don't go off after every freakism that shows its head.

ladies have of spreading socialism as the money for 16 was taken in By the way the demand for due

> stamps has been unprecedented in the last month. A large supply has been exhausted and the locals will have to wait till the state secretary receives a new consignment from the national office.

The job press is humming merrily these days. As the comrades toll

The Lewistown list is now ahead of the Anaconda list by about ten. . . .

Comrade Albert Berger of Canyon Ferry sends in his subscription. Canyon Ferry is still on the map so far as socialism is concerned. . . .

Comrade King has been over two weeks in Ravalli county. The work is a terrible pull there in the land of the minions of the Amalgamated. The slaves were forced to vote for the primary law there so they are pretty nearly down to the point of having no possible way of having any voice in government whatever. The following is King's report:

"Have spoken at Hamilton and Darby since I wrote you last. Spoke in Hamilton Thursday, Darby Friday, will speak at Como tonight and again at Hamilton Sunday evening. Am trying to arrange meetings at Grantsdale and Corvalis, before 1 return to Stevensville, which I think will be about Thursday. There was a show and other attractions in Hamilton Thursday. The meeting was held in an out-of-the-way lodge hall so that the crowd was small. Sold \$1.20 worth of literature. Hamilton movement in bad shape. All the spirit crushed out of the men by the Amalgamated Copper company as in all the towns down here. Unions are simply tools of the company and socialists are persecuted, Will speak at the opera house Sunday evening when we will try to revive organization and push the News. No one had advertised meeting at Darby when we reached there late in the afternoon. Mr. Platt had done all he could. Nevertheless we had an audience of at least 60 and sold \$2 worth of literature and could





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talked him into a blank silence. talk only in whispers. I know from Didn't sell any literature because I had none left to sell. Comrade bosses of this corporation used their Platt climaxed his several days of influence against the employes ateffort and entertainment by pre- tending my meetings. One wage senting me with five dollars and slave was regretting that we could driving me back to Hamilton. The not hold street meetings this time meeting at Hamilton Sunday even- of year so that the "men" might ing was only moderately attended hear us without the danger of being and the enemy endeavored to make spotted. Ridicule is everywhere it a failure by turning off the heat being used to the limit. This is and freezing us out. The tempera- true in nearly every town in the ture fell until our breaths were vis- county at which I have spoken. In ible yet in spite of this the audience spite of this one feels that the leaven remained and showed great atten- of socialism is growing here. Take tion to last. My visit has resulted the fact that through the work of the in the revival of the local. Taking comrades, hundreds of families advantage of the enthusiasm of the through the county are reading socomrades, I worked up a local meeting for the following night which was well attended. It was decided to retain the old officers and to pay back dues prior to next meeting, a week from the following Wednesday. Every alternate Wednesday was elected for local meetings. Five in the vicinity of Stevensville Weddollars was collected from those present and turned over to the and Tuesday, 12, and if I get a speaker. Hamilton has good tim-

authentic sources that the underling cialist publications, and combine it with the condition of palpable and outrageous corporation tyranny and what is the net resultant? It makes one smile to think of the swift and inevitable judgement that will grow out of this condition. I will speak nesday, Thursday, Friday, Monday. meeting in Florence Wednesday 13. will reach Missoula Feb TA

The Mutual Improvement Club of Great Falls is still doing things. uary 29, that was a grand success socially and financially. The crowd was as large as the ladies could handle, about 150 in number. The program was one of the best ever given in Great Falls. Both outsiders' and members furnished the talent. Music by the graphophone entertained the crowd after the program. A delicious lunch was served donated by members and outsiders. The club netted about \$17 which will be used for the socialist move-

The following letter has been rement. ceived from a comrade of Fargo, The ladies expect to give a card North Dakota: "As I presume you party for the organization fund in are willing to spread the fame of the the near future. One way these 

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Local Bozeman sends in \$5 for due stamps and some for the organization fund. Comrades Topel, Frazer, and Siebentritt are the doners. They say being mere men they cannot give parties, but will do what they can. . .

We have a letter from Comrade William Pierce of Butte, formerly : state secretary, stating that the \$25 ganization he wishes to donate to the Montana News. This is a generous gift, and one that will be highly appreciated by the Istate organization. . . .

Comrade T. J. Rooney sends in several subs from Livingston and Comrade Pennicott a list of ten. The local there ordered 300 cards for their card party, Feb. 26, and report that they are going so fast that they will probably have to have more. They remitted \$46.45 to the state organization fund as the net

have sold more had I had it. Part of the audience was men from a neighboring lumber camp and great interest was shown.

I want you to send me application blanks for locals as soon as possible. Am entirely out; also leaflets explaining work of locals. LATER-Held a meeting Satur-

and asked questions for an hour. It controls not only the jobs of the The republican boss was present and wage slaves but the business of the

ber for a local, the members are taking hold again with enthusiasm and determination and there is no reason why the local should not remain a permanent institution in Hamilton henceforth. Couldn't get meetings at Grantsdale and Corva-

lis. This whole country is demoralized day evening at Como which was not by a terror of the Amalgamated very well attended. The small turn- Copper company. The tyranny of out, however, showed great interest this gigantic company is complete.

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