## Billings Battle Waxes Hot

Counter Circulars Are Issued-Farm ers Appealed to-Fair List Iss-ued-Union Gains Victory.


## Montana Is

 AwakeningA Stirring Message of Hope and Encouragement From the Battlefield in Fergus County.


Lena Morrow Lewis
> who will commence her tour of Montana at Butte July 17. Mrs. Lewis' sales of literature are the wonder of the Socialist movement, and 1490 books have been ordered for her Montana trip. She is now in Utah.

## Labor War On in Livingston

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 of Justice's Decision and Violaton of Eight-Hour Law.| Capitalistic anarchy doesen't paynot in Livingston. Denied the protection of the law, the street employes of Livingston have been forced to resort to another weapon-the strike-with the promise of direful results to capitalist profits. <br> Already the capitalist contractors, by their blindness, have confronted themselves with the unwelcome sight of a new union of 92 members which will increase fifteen or twenty this week and which is growing every day and has the situation well in hand. <br> There is great jubilation in the camps of labor over this unexpected accession to the organized movement and a corresponding depression among the contractors over this new diffieulty their actions have brought upon them. <br> This situation is the result of a long fight of the Trades and Labor Council to compel the contractors to obey the law. Last winter the Trades and Labor Council, tired of this perpetual law-breaking, attempted to have Contractor Hager, who had been engaged for two years in laying sidewalks, arrested. Justice of the Peace Bender refused to grant a warrant of arerst on the grounds that Hager had not violated the eight-hour law. <br> 'The extra hour," said this brilliant guardian of the law, "is not a part of the eight-hour day; it is overtime." <br> Failing later to get any satisfaction from County Attorney Stark, who seemed as determined to block the law as the justice of the peace, the representatives of the unions appealed to the state attorney, compelling the county attorney to obey the law. <br> This pretty pair of law-breakers are professional office seekers and will undoubtedly be after the workingman's vote again. <br> Contractor Hager's attorney filed a demurrer and asked a continuance, then finally took a change of venue | out of Judge Bender's court to Justice Black at Fridley. Black handed down a lengthy decision sustaining the de murrer, which was virtually an aequittal of Hager. <br> In the meantime, Bely, MeLaughlin \& Doonan had secured the new contract and on the strength of this display of public venality and judicial anarehy, felt safe in breaking the law themselves and accordingly informed their employes that from Monday, June 25 , they would have to work ten hours per day at the old wage rate of \$2.50, or one hour more than Hager had worked them. <br> Bely, law-breaker, labor oppressor was candidate for mayor of Livingston a year ago on the Democratic ticket He went after the votes on the strength of being "a friend of labor'" and got a lot of them. $\mathrm{He}_{\mathrm{e}}^{\mathrm{H}}$ is iff and is still "a friend of labor." <br> Doonan and Mclanghlin, law-break ers and labor oppressors, are two whee horses for the Democratic party and are also "friends of labor", They are and looking for political plums and working class votes. Remember them. <br> Another item labor might charge up against the political grafters, anarchis law-breakers, is their conneection with the breaking of the eight-hour law in the public school grounds. All this kind of work around both common and high school buildings was done at the instigation of the trustees, Belgy being ol 1 party politicians. A pretty lot of guardians of the public education and welfare, indeed! Winking at lawbreaking when they are supposed to be caring for the morals and the devel- opment of the coming citizenship. They will be looking for office and votes next fall. Kindly look up their names, brother workmen, and don't be time. |
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## Latimer Holds Great Meetings

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