

Labor Hurls Defiance

Butte Unions Launch National Protest Movement—Haywood Nominated For Governor of Colorado.

The latest outrage of the inner circle of the Mine Owners association—the refusal to grant bail to our comrades incarcerated in Idaho, threatens to stir up a protest movement of national dimensions—one which will dwarf the protest movement of last spring by comparison.

The determination of the capitalist conspirators and their hirelings to keep the prisoners in jail indefinitely while refusing a trial is opening the eyes of labor as never before to the real intent of the plot to strike a fatal blow at unionism and socialism.

Two Knockout Blows.

In the general tide of indignation which the socialist and labor press shows is rising throughout the country. Butte has struck out for a national effective protest to secure if not justice at least a little mercy for our comrades and brothers. And from Colorado comes the news of a direct slap administered in the face of the capitalist class by the socialist party of that state which shocks capitalist conservatism and capitalist precedence by placing Haywood, accused of murder and wearing stripes, on the ticket for the governorship of Colorado.

Butte Leads Out.

The Silver Bow Trades and Labor assembly is launching the protest movement. The circular quoted below is being sent to all central labor bodies in the United States and explains the nature of the movement:

Circular.

Butte, Mont., July 1, 1906.
To all Central Labor Bodies in the United States.

Brothers:
As you know the trials of Charles H. Moyer, W. D. Haywood, and George A. Pettibone, for the murder of Ex-Governor Steunenberg, of Idaho, have been postponed until the United States Supreme Court shall have acted upon

their appeal to that body as to the legality of their being kinnapped from the State of Colorado into the State of Idaho.

When the trials were postponed by District Judge Frank J. Smith, of Caldwell, the defendants asked to be released on bonds, offering to give bail in any amount named by the court; but this was refused to them, and it seems likely now that they will be confined for at least another half year, and possibly a year, before their trials will take place.

The prosecution admits that neither of these men were in Idaho at the time the murder was committed. Aside from the whim of the prosecution, which is in reality the Mine Owners' association, there is no reason why they should suffer confinement for a year and a half awaiting trial for a crime of which nearly all of the people of this country believe them innocent.

The loyalty of these men to the working class entitles them to the united support of the workers of the United States in a supreme effort to induce the judge in the case to admit them to bail pending a trial.

Therefore, the Silver Bow Trades and Labor assembly, of Butte, Montana, appeals to every central labor body in the United States, regardless of affiliations, to set apart Sunday, August 5th, 1906, for a general, united and direct demand of District Judge Frank J. Smith, of Caldwell, Idaho, to either give these men an immediate trial or to admit them to bail pending their trials.

Let every central body arrange a tremendous, rousing mass meeting of working people for that day, and then and there adopt resolutions addressed to the District Judge, setting forth their wishes in the matter.

Consider the awful importance of this case, and let us for the time being forget everything else except our duty to these men and to the American labor movement, for which they have fought so valiantly for so many years.

Fergus County Lines Up

Convention Held—Strong Ticket Nominated—Ben Wilson has the Plutocrats On the Run.

Capitalism is being riddled by the fighting socialists of Fergus county. At the present rate of demolition there won't be enough of it left for decent burial the day after election. Never before were there such meetings and enthusiasm. Ben Wilson has stirred up the entire population where ever he has been as it was never stirred before. But this is only the beginning of the great campaign.

Great Convention.

Twenty-six delegates met in the Y. M. C. A. hall, Lewistown, July 3, assisted. The ringing platform will be and Herman Brown secretary, and proceeded to business. Ben Wilson with his inspiring presence was there and assisted. The ringing platform will be published in the "News" later. The following ticket which is both strong and representative was nominated:

State senator, Arthur T. Harvey, Philbrook.
Representatives, Thomas Hayden, Kendall; Herman Schnick, Lewistown. County commissioners, Edward Alken, Forest Grove (6 year term); Robert McMillan, Maiden, (4 year term); Levi H. Woody, Cottonwood, (2 year term).
Sheriff, J. W. Nelson, Moore.
Clerk and recorder, J. W. Stoner, Lewistown.
Assessor, Owen McCabe, Kendall.

Treasurer, B. F. Fulmer, Lewistown. Public administrator, A. Sellers. Surveyor, Ezra Olson, Kendall. Attorney, A. E. Brinkle, Kendall.
A county superintendent of schools Herman Brown was elected chairman of the county central committee.

Praise from the Enemy.

Our ticket elicits praise even from the enemy. A "Butte Miner" dispatch reporting the convention speaks well of our candidate for senator, mentioning the fact that he is a veteran of the war with Spain and that he bears a fine record.

Wilson's Meetings.

From practically all the places Wilson has visited reports are rolling in of the splendid success of his meetings. Brown says of his Lewistown meetings:

"Ben is here and all people know it, he has exploded the largest bomb ever on record in Lewistown. At the present rate the people will not cease talking about him for years to come. Tuesday night last he delivered to an audience of between four and five hundred people, a speech that is still yeasting in the doughy gray matter of many of the 'wise ones.'" Ben Wilson has a "way", it may not be the "only way" but he arrives and many of the multitude struggle after him. It is a common thing now to hear an old time democrat or republican say

even at the risk of their lives and their liberty.

Fraternally Yours,
SILVER BOW TRADES AND LABOR ASSEMBLY,

JOHN McMULLAN,
President.
O. M. PARTELOW,
Secretary.

A SLAP IN THE FACE.

The Colorado convention throughout is a direct slap in the face of the ruling class. The nomination of William D. Haywood for the governorship of Colorado, is equivalent to serving notice on the capitalist class that their sham "legal" games are not regarded seriously by the working class and that capitalist unjust rulings have no effect on the opinions of the working class. This centers the fight on Haywood and prevents the conspirators from slipping so easily out of the meshes they were weaving for others. Generously labor has received the weight of the charge against Moyer and Haywood and it is the working class now that is on trial.

Here follows the associate press account of the convention:

The Fighting Ticket.

"Denver, Col., July 6.—It has just transpired that the socialist party of Colorado held a convention in this city on the Fourth of July and nominated a full state ticket, headed by William D. Haywood, secretary of the Western Federation of Miners, now in prison in Idaho, for governor. The balance of the ticket follows:

Secretary of state, H. C. Darrab, Colorado Springs.
Treasurer, J. W. Sawyer, Grand Junction.

Auditor, John M. Martin, Denver.
Attorney general, I. Tarkoff, Montrose.

Lieutenant governor, A. H. Floatin, Telluride.

Superintendent of public instruction, A. L. Lurch, Wellington.

Regents state university, Dr. J. H. Morrow, Denver; Dr. E. H. Graeb, Denver.

Judges of the supreme court, F.

Woodside, Colorado Springs; John M. King, Denver.

Congressman at large, Guy F. Miller, Telluride.

will be selected by referendum vote.

NOMINATING SPEECH.

In nominating Haywood, John M. Martin of Denver, said:

"I do not rise to name a well-groomed business man or a professional politician, seeking graft. Nor do I name a labor leader who is dined and wined at civic federation banquets.

But I rise to name a man, who in executive ability is the peer of the best, and whose personal integrity is without stain. A man whose hands have been calloused by honest labor and whose every heart throbs in sympathy with those who toil. A man who has never been praised by the capitalist press as the "greatest labor leader in the world," but one who as a labor leader has never betrayed his trust nor sold out a strike. A man who, because of his loyalty to the working class, has been struck down by a brutal soldiery on the streets of our city and who, for that same loyalty was kidnapped by the command of the powers of capitalism and, contrary to all legal forms and observances, was carried to distant state and thrown into a felon's cell where for months he and his faithful comrades have waited, demanding in vain the speedy trial guaranteed to every citizen by our constitution and laws. William D. Haywood, the prisoner in Caldwell jail."

Foretells Election.

Mr. Martin declared that the working classes of Colorado would rally to Haywood and that he would be elected. Concluding, he said:

"And if they refuse to release him we may feel impelled to march to Idaho and take our chief executive by force, if necessary, out of the teeth of the dogs of capitalism, and carry him in triumph to our state house."

Let All Assist.

Every socialist and every unionist who read the "Montana News" should urge upon immediate action upon the circular. Let us make the protest so strong, so stern and so widespread that it will prove thoroughly effective.

working class. We must have a "Greater Montana News," and you must help us.

Here follows the suppressed dispatch: Berlin, July 6.—The executive committee of the socialist party has announced its intention to establish a partisan war school in the autumn with the object of preparing socialist youths for public life by lectures on national economics, socialism, law, history, science literature, the natural sciences and debating exercises.

The "Vorwaerts," organ of the party, says that no expense should be spared to carry out the plan of thus creating a body of well informed agents, adding that owing to the Reichstag's decision to pay members of the Reichstag for their services it is not necessary for the socialists to collect money to pay their own members, as has hitherto been done, thus saving \$20,000 annually for the "partisan war school."

he has changed his views, and we will hear more in the near future. Saturday night he speaks again. Tonight he is in Moore and will make Gilt Edge and Kendall again before leaving Fergus."

At Kendall.

Robert Hendry reports from Kendall, "Com. Ben Wilson has been in Kendall and that marks an epoch in the history of the movement here.

"The evening of June 30th he spoke on the street and had a large and very appreciative audience. Collection good.

"Afternoon of July 1 he spoke in Miners' Union hall, every chair occupied some sitting on rostrums and on steps outside.

"He hit the Dems and Reps as he knows how to hit them. He offended two of our democratic friends by his reference to Gov. Toole.

"Who failed to mention in his speech Miners' Union day that the president, secretary-treasurer and Com. Pettibone had been illegally arrested, and imprisoned by the agents of the Mine Owners association.

"But the offended ones are aspirants for favors at the hands of the democrats at the coming election and as such will defend the present system and its votaries.

"The balance of the audience gave him a very attentive hearing and when asked for a show of hands of those wishing him to come again next week, two thirds of them held up their hands.

"Eve of July 1 he spoke on the street again and had a much larger meeting than night before.

existence of the contagion must be kept secret. Knowledge of it would create a panic, Billings would be deserted. Prospective profits would be withdrawn. The prosperity of the town would suffer. The relatives of the stricken one's must be visited.

Their mouths must be closed. The victims must be secretly hurried to the pest house. The mouths of editors, doctors and all others must be closed.

How well a business oligarchy can do these things Billings and the world can now judge, and those thousands who had a right to know of the danger and were betrayed into risking themselves by organized greed and graft can now congratulate themselves upon their fortunate escape.

This is the kind of a gang that wants an open town. As breeders of scabs citizens' alliances and small pox are allies and twin devils.

Later.

After two days of effort and expense we have fully confirmed the above.

There are thirteen instead of sixteen cases in the pest house.

The disease is still raging, the town is still full of the land seekers coming and going and the Alliance Suppression bureau is still active, reasoning that it is better to let the strangers risk their lives than miss the opportunity to shake them down.

Newspaper men, doctors, lawyers, politicians, business grafters and office holders, are, keeping quiet in the presence of the great menace.

We have confirmed the report that a letter exposing the affair had been written to Gov. Toole: nothing seems to have come of it.

Small Pox

In Billings

Another Example of Suppressed Information—Lives of Thousands Endangered by Alliance.

A private letter from Billings was handed us today which, if true, reveals a condition of "business" venality shocking to contemplate. Here are extracts from the letter:

"I made a new discovery today. I was informed by good authority that there are about sixteen cases of small pox in the pest house, and I believe it is correct. The sharks of the city are very much afraid that it will be known and that would cut off their graft.

They don't give a d—n if all the people get the small pox so they get the dollar. There is no price on life here. It is no value. Yet you are held up for everything you purchase. This is as the citizens' alliance would like to have it. They want an open town where you can get everything you want from scabs to small pox.

Some of the boys told me they wrote up an account of the affair and sent it to Gov. J. K. Toole, but that he won't pay any attention to it."

If what our friend says is based on facts a treason has been consummated against the community of Billings which makes an isolated case of assassination look white and if the governor of the state has maintained a convenient silence in the presence of this great public danger he goes on record as a common conspirator in this crime.

Here are about the facts. Great land rush on in Billings. The alliance pillars of prosperity discover the presence of small pox in the community. Whatever might happen the Billings boom (the alliance graft) must not be disturbed. What mattered if thousands were huddled together in suffocating weather and a loathsome disease and death hung over them. The

Suppressed News

Arrests At

Lewis Meeting

Salt Lake Police Take in Socialist Editor But Quail Before Mrs. Lewis' Challenge.

As a fitting finale of our Jingo "Liberty" celebrations, the police force of Salt Lake city attempted to break up a peaceful open air meeting of socialists, July 9, but the defiant stand of Mrs. Lena Morrow Lewis, who will begin her Montana tour in a few days' prevented the outrage from being consummated.

We give below the account of the affair as told by the Utah republican organ, "The Intermountain Republican," which displays no little animus and unfairness, as might be expected from a partisan capitalist sheet:

AGITATOR IS ARRESTED

Socialist Dalton Gathered in by Police for Violating City License Ordinance.

William S. Dalton, editor of the "Crisis," the organ of the socialist party in this city, was arrested last night by Patrolman Jim Williams, and charged with violating the license ordinance. At the time Dalton was arrested he was passing through a crowd which had gathered near the corner of Second South and Main streets to listen to a harangue by Mrs. Lewis, labor agitator. She, with her husband and other members of the socialist party

in this city, and started a street meeting for the purpose of "educating" the oppressed laboring man in his rights and privileges, and instructing him in the latest and most approved methods of overturning the established forms of government.

Dalton Is Released.

Dalton was released on his own recognizance, and later returned to the street meeting, after which he continued along the lines taken by Mrs. Lewis. After the adjournment of the meeting, Mrs. Lewis offered a book for sale on the streets, with the announcement that she was not afraid of being arrested, because, if she was, it would not be her first experience behind jail gratings. Mrs. Lewis was not arrested.

Lewis and his wife have traveled over the entire West delivering speeches of this kind. They both say that they are "agitators," and that they intend to spread the beliefs of socialism in this manner. Mrs. Lewis announced that she would be on the streets again next Thursday and Friday nights, when she will continue her speech-making.

This attempt to slander and ridicule a woman who was respected all over the country as a temperance lecturer before she became a socialist could emanate from no other source than from the slime of republican politics.

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ANACONDA FURNISHES AN EXAMPLE.

The item below, clipped from the "Daily Record", is an unwilling tribute to a socialist, to socialism and to the socialist party:

"The people of Anaconda are to be congratulated upon the good fortune that has come to them in the matter of securing a city park; the news is that the Anaconda Copper Mining company, owning a block in the heart of the city, has transferred this property to the municipality for park purposes. The local government will take immediate steps to improve the ground, plant trees, lay out lawns and flower beds and do such other things as may be necessary to make a beginning in the establishment of a beautiful little park.

The city of Anaconda has long had the use of the tract of ground mentioned. It was once a very fertile area of rocks, as at one time or another, all ground in Anaconda has been. One day the man who was the mayor then, John Frinke, conceived the notion of utilizing the idle plot as a sort of children's play ground. Following up the idea, thousands of school children were "turned loose" with shovels and rakes and baskets. Grown men were there to remove the boulders. The larger of the children gathered the cobbles and the tiny tots picked up the pebbles and thought it fun. In a single afternoon the space had been sufficiently cleared to be used as a playground for the boys and girls of Anaconda's schools. Later, a baseball diamond was drawn, a tennis court set up and round about the edge of the recreation ground thousands of Anaconda's people used to gather; they took a lively enjoyment in what the younger ones were about.

Now this valuable piece of land has become the property of the city. The townspeople of Anaconda are a loyal lot. They will not begrudge money that will be needed to make the block that is bounded by Main, Hickory, Third and Fourth streets a beauty spot."

We can hardly expect our unconscionable capitalistic enemies to give credit where credit is due. But Mayor Frinke's glory lay in the fact that he was developing a socialist idea.

The same thing, and greater things will happen in every town that abandons capitalism and takes up socialism.

CAPITALISTIC MURDERERS.

For having been required to hold his post on freight engine No. 1578 for 40 hours, Fireman Dyrland fell asleep and lost his life in the Northern Pacific yards, Helena, July 4.

With serene complacency the capitalist papers called it an "accident", and a "respectable" coroner's jury decided "no one was to blame."

Against the opinion of both these sets of capitalized prostitutes we rebel and pronounce the death of Fireman Dyrland a foul murder begotten out of criminal irresponsibility and hardened cruelty and the unspeakable greed that holds human life of no account in the scale against dollars.

The owners of any enterprise who require their employees to work 40 hours without relief in dangerous employments are murderers before a drop of blood is shed.

The circumstance itself is a foul death trap. The magnate, if he knows anything, knows that 40 hours constant service is beyond human endurance, and when he places men who have their own life and others in their hands in such a position, he is a murderer by implication.

It is not enough for the flabby share

holder to say he knows nothing about the details of the business; if he is an owner in a business where the "details" involve human life and he neglects to control those "details" in the interest of human life, he is the most craven and criminal of murderers.

The capitalistic method of conducting business is nothing short of wholesale assassination. They reserve the princely salary for the man who gets results—dividends; they grade the salaries down according to responsibility and hinge them on results. They arrange all the forces of greed and fear so as to get the maximum dividend; then they wash their soft white hands of all further responsibility.

This is why men are worked 40 hours. The big employees can show dividends and hold their position. The pressure is so great that excuse after excuse is found for "economizing" until man after man is pushed over the limit of human endurance and the slaughter of human beings goes on.

The clean handed share holders have never been known to voluntarily surrender a portion of the dividends for the safety of their employees, and they stand convicted by every righteous human judge as murderers of their kind.

Fireman Dyrland who was overcome by sleep before he realized it and whose brains were knocked out as the engine was being backed into the round house is only one example out of many of a similar nature.

WHY WE HAVE NO PANIC.

The export of manufactures from the United States in May 1906 aggregated over \$56,000,000, or \$8,000,000 in excess of May of 1905. These figures seem to justify the prediction that the total exports of manufactures for the fiscal year just ended will aggregate \$600,000,000, against \$543,000,000 in 1905, \$434,000,000 in 1900, and \$299,000,000 in 1896 or 160 per cent in ten years, while other domestic exports increased about 76 per cent.

This tremendous outflow of wealth, over \$1,000,000,000, which is greatly in excess of any inflow of wealth, is the fact that has tided us over the industrial depression since 1894 and saved us from the horrors of a real panic.

Capitalism creates in very country in the midst of howling want and deprivation that strange thing—a surplus—which must be sold to foreign nations or congestions, panics, and industrial disaster occur with unavoidable regularity. This "surplus" exists because the class which is big enough to use it—the working class—is too poorly paid to buy it, and the class that is able to buy it—the capitalist class—is too small to use it.

It can't be sold at home, therefore it must be sold abroad to fill the coffers of the capitalist class while the working class suffers want.

The outlet to foreign countries for twelve or more years has sufficed to save us from the horrors of a genuine panic, although it has not been able to preserve us from industrial depressions. The decline of Great Britain's commercial prestige and several wars coupled with crop failures in Russia, Australia and Argentina, and panics in Germany and England gave us the opportunity to profit by our neighbors' misfortunes and save ourselves from domestic disaster.

But two terrible foes loom up in the industrial horizon that threaten the absolute loss of the foreign market to America and the complete breakdown of the capitalist system.

Germany which has carried science and technique well nigh to perfection has retrieved her former disasters and stolen the trade of South America from us so that the trade balance has become a thorn in the side of our commercial Alexanders.

But not in Germany but in Japan do far sighted American capitalists read their doom. Japan is destined to be the economic revolutionist of the twentieth century—the agency especially fitted to break in pieces the blatant and stupid capitalism of America. She has the most wonderful industrial population in the world—low priced, sober, docile, industrious.

They work twelve hours a day for a maximum of twenty-nine cents, or in a rare exception, for fifty-nine cents a day. No American could compete with them and live. They steal American patents and improve on them with wonderful facility. They are combining the best machinery in the world with the lowest priced labor. The government has become a capitalist itself, controlling tobacco, camphor, flour, salt, banks and railroads and grasping for a greater control. It combines competition with force having armies and navies and prohibitive tariffs with which to crush out its rivals.

The war with Russia has made Japan master of the Orient. She stands ready to utilize the 700,000,000 of Asiatic coolies, and unite them with western machinery for the commercial conquest of the world. These coolies consider ten cents a day a high wage. They are obedient and industrious. Thousands of Chinese students are already receiving their industrial training in Japan and tens of thousands of Japs are being educated to industrially control China. Japan's manufactures

increased in ten years from fourteen million dollars worth to forty-five million. Her trade in the same time has increased from \$290,000 to over thirty-three million with China. She sells us already three times as much as she buys from us and is taking every Oriental market from us and in a few years will take all our foreign markets from us and compel us to put up a prohibitive tariff to save ourselves from a disastrous invasion.

When that time comes, and it is not far off, our "surplus" will be on our hands, our industries idle, and our people unemployed. Then we will have to adopt the socialist system which avoids creating a surplus by returning to labor the full value of what it produces.

Every true hearted socialist will rejoice that the little brown islanders of the Orient, whom history seemed to have designed to crush the feudal aristocracy of Russia and prepare Russia for a great social revolution, are the same people who are destined to crush the American capitalist class and its brutal system and pave the way for a real American republic.

STEMMING THE TORRENT.

Tammany Hall held its annual celebration July 4 and indulged in its wonted pomp of oratory. It is significant that an entirely new chord was touched in American political life. The whole undercurrent of the meeting was apprehension over the rise of socialism. More than the trusts, more than public corruption, the stern and avenging front of socialism thrust itself in like the skeleton at the feast.

Said Congressman John A. Sullivan, "Democracy must protect the individual in his rights, confine the federal government strictly to its constitutional functions and make socialism impossible."

W. Bourke Cochran said: "We hear that democracy is no longer needful in this country. We are told that government must now interfere in all matters. It is a proposal that socialism is to be substituted for democracy. * * * When a larceny of \$50,000 is admitted, we find the officers of the law not pursuing but protecting and the whole country stands aghast at the spectacle."

Bryan was favored for the presidency, Towne for the vice-presidency and Aton B. Parker as chief justice of the United States Supreme Court—a consistent trinity, in the light of past history, indeed!

In the meantime the Bryan boom is gathering the force of an avalanche. Capitalist papers of all political shades suddenly find in their erstwhile "dangerous demagogue" a sane and moderate statesman. His misdeeds are reported and to cap the climax this man whom everybody was laughing at when he left the country is to be welcomed to his native land by a monster gathering of notables, at which event President Roosevelt has been asked to deliver the speech of welcome!

The game ought to be sufficiently plain to a political infant. All this trumpeting over Bryan has come since Wall street endorsed him as its, "conservative candidate", and Wall street endorsed him after he had declared himself as the champion of "individualism" against socialism.

It illustrates the ambivalence of the American public. "Opinion" can be made to order on short notice in this country by our industrial oligarchy. The radical middle or "muddle" class is being played for a pack of fools.

Their politics goes no deeper than servile hero worship and if Bell Weather or Bryan be led to the shambles it can be safely depended on the bleating lambs will trustfully follow.

Inspection shows that the packing houses of London are worse than those of Chicago. Whew!

The cabmen of Jerusalem won a strike last week. It looks like international labor will tackle any kind of a proposition now-a-days.

Monacles will no longer be permitted in the British army. This will throw several hundred aristocratic peacecocks out of a job and a synecure—"I say—Dontcherknow."

It is reported on good authority that Hill has been forced by the Milwaukee and Amalgamated crowd to sell the Montana Central. Wonder what Hill's Fourth of July reflections look like.

La Follette championed a bill in the recent congress to make 16 hours a maximum working day on railroads. What a commentary on the inhumanity of railroad corporations that such a law is necessary!

Wanted: A man to take the job of premier of Russia. Goremykin, present incumbent, wants to "retire". All the other bureaucrats are displaying a wonderful modesty. The office must be on the "bomb."

Former Governor Stone of Pennsylvania is demanding that the bas reliefs hung by Artist Huston at the main entrance of the capitol building be removed. When it is considered

whose pictures are there, the ex-governor can hardly be blamed: there are pictures of Gov. Pennypacker, Matt Quay, Sen. Penrose and Sen. Clark. A state capitol building is no place for a rogue's gallery, not even a Pennsylvania state capitol.

Trenton, New Jersey, has taken steps toward the municipal ownership of her electric light and gas plants.

The "Daily Record" says the food trust is impossible. Wake up, sleepy head; we have had a food trust in Chicago for years.

Fifty-one killed and 3,551 injured is the record of our Fourth. A fitting way we have to celebrate our liberty to skin each other and get skinned.

The editor of the "Butte Evening News" says that there is no difference between the anarchy of power and the anarchy of poverty. He is a poor judge since he has tried only the former.

"It is estimated at this moment there must be many hundreds of bombs—if not thousands—in Russia alone," says a startling press dispatch this week.

The capitalist papers have been terribly exercised this week over the activities of the anarchists. This means that the anarchists of power are creating a diversion by shouting "stop thief", while they prepare some new treason against society.

Wall street favors Bryan on the grounds that he is a good vote getter. It is perfectly confident in its ability to "get" Bryan. In this way it hopes to divert the radical vote into harmless channels. Canning game isn't it!

The "Daily Record" after wrestling with the question for several days, has at last figured out that the fifty-ninth congress really did accomplish something—it talked 20,000,000 words or 110,000 for each legislative day.

The government is responsible through its land allotment methods on the Crow reservation for several thousand people losing their money to draw blanks. The government furnished the blanks like any of the lottery concerns it prohibits.

Bryan interpreted the "White Man's Burden" to the British imperialists in London, as the "care" by white imperialists of the world's dark races. This is a very flattering view to hold up to such an audience, which shows that Bryan is still a pretty good politician already yet.

"Don't get into your heads when you read what is said in some American publications that this country is rotten" shouts David R. Forgan, president of the Chicago Commercial association. There might be some danger, our complacent friend, if we didn't have your word to the contrary.

It will cost more than \$60,000,000 more to run the government next year than this year. There are seventy times as many "positions" under our government than there were thirty years ago, or "places" have increased thirty times faster than the population. Just another illustration of the parasitic tendencies of the capitalist government.

"The Montana socialists have advertised ninety meetings for July. They seem to be having as much fun with themselves as a cat which chases its own tail."—The Forsyth Times.

The above is one example of how fantastic a fight for principles looks to a Republican politician. A political fight for growth (which by the way we are getting very rapidly) and no spoils in sight, to those hoodlums, is the most fantastic of dreams.

"They pay no royalty in Japan," says Congressman D. E. McKinley, who has just returned from the Orient. "They buy one machine or piece of an apparatus in America, take it to a Japan foundry, pull it to pieces and build fifty like it, and they capitalize their plans at one fifth the European or American amount. That's the kind of competition you must deal with in Japan."

"Cook with Gas," shouts the "Helena Independent."

The only reply we have on hand is the embarrassing confession that we have to pay for our gas. This is humiliating; also fatal. If we had a lead pipe connection with the Gas company and got our gas free, we not only would cook our food with gas but we would inject enough of the heated fluid into our editorials to make them worth about \$50 a piece.

Now is the time to buy Raspberries for preserving. Call at Klein & Bourne and see the quality and get the prices before ordering.

Special Yellowstone Park Excursion

Exceptionally low rate tickets covering rail transportation to Gardiner, Mont., and return, stage transportation through "Wonderland," and meals and lodgings at Park hotels for a period not exceeding five and one-half days, will be on sale for trains arriving at Livingston the evening of July 8th and the morning of July 9th.

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Some of the stalwarts have forgotten to hustle in those Fourth of July sub blanks. Fire them in, Comrades, right away. Don't forget those "Independence" sub blanks. A word to the wise is sufficient.

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"Let us cultivate a spirit of hopefulness," says Mantle, "let us believe the whole world is better today than it was yesterday that it will be better tomorrow than it is today."

Mantle is an Amalgamated man and understands those ideas most profitable or dangerous to the trust.

Mantle says, "That country is governed best which is governed least." Yes; undoubtedly corporation anarchist would like to see all government abolished.

THE OPEN SHOP.

By J. L. McCreery.

An employer inserted a note in the Post, That he needed some workmen—a couple at most— And found himself soon in the midst of a host.

"My friends," he said, in hiring a man, Of course I must get him as cheap as I can— For that's the approved competitive plan."

Said one, "I have a wife and children three; My aged mother is living with me; I need twelve dollars a week," said he.

"I've a wife and a child," the next one said;

"My mother, thank God, is long ago dead;

Ten dollars a week will buy our bread."

"I've only a wife," said the third, "and hence

Our living involves a smaller expense; I'll take nine dollars as my recompense."

"My wife each week earns a dollar or two,"

Said the next: "If I were to work for you

About eight dollars a week would do."

"I have no wife," said the next: "I stay

With my parents who board me with-out any pay;

So I will work for a dollar a day."

Said the next in a tone most meek and subdued:

"For twenty-four hours I've tasted no food;

I'll take four dollars with gratitude."

The next one said, "I'm a Heathen Chinese;

I learned to live cheaply far over the sea;

Three dollars a week is plenty for me."

Thereupon to the crowd the employer spake,

"The lower wages you're willing to take,

The larger, of course, are the profits I make."

"Two workmen are all I at present require;

The two that spoke last are the men I will hire—

So the rest of the crowd may as well retire."

The unhired men began to entreat:

"We've nothing to do, nothing to eat;

Must we and our families die in the street?"

"Aye, some of you must, if the rest would thrive;

Too many of you are at present alive, And only the fittest can survive.

"And he is the fittest, beyond dispute, The present competitive system to suit Whose life comes nearest to that of a brute.

"You ought to remember, you only exist

For the purpose of grinding some other man's grist,

And swelling the gains of the capitalist.

"The coarsest of food to nourish you while

Your master is daily increasing his pile, That he may revel in royal style—

"Some wretched hovel in which to dwell—

If you get these you are doing well, For a worker in this competitive Hell."

Lee Mantle, with characteristic capitalist consistency, in that much celebrated Missoula speech, holds up the American revolution as a venerated and glorious event; then suddenly gets red in the face and shouts: "There should be no place for revolutions or revolutionists." This is rather tough on the patriots.

The proprietor of the Amalgamated sheet shouted, "The relation between employers and employed are harmonious."

How long since?

They are "harmonious" if the Amalgamated can manage to keep the unions bought, keep news of accidents out of the "Intermountain," make men trade at the company stores, discharge them if they are not good saloon men and vote the Amalgamated ticket, or attempt to stand for the emancipation of their class.

Says Mantle, "It is decreed by a higher law that man shall earn his living in the sweat of his face." Mantle seems to be an exception to the higher law; the Amalgamated takes care of him.

"He who prostitutes a position of power and influence to coerce the vote of another," says Mantle, "is a stranger to the spirit of our free institutions."

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National News

Alleghany county, Pennsylvania, is issuing a weekly bulletin. The last one shows increasing campaign activity.

Des Moines, Iowa, July 4.—Socialists of Iowa here in convention today nominated John E. Schank of Sioux City, for governor; A. R. Gifford of Davenport for lieutenant governor; Chas. R. Oylor, or Waterloo, for secretary of state, and Fred Splan, of Dubuque, for treasurer.—Press Dispatch.

Atlanta, Ga., July 4.—The socialist state convention today nominated a full state ticket headed by J. B. Osborne, of Atlanta, for governor. The convention extended an invitation to the populist state convention to unite interests, but the invitation was not accepted.—Press Dispatch.

The social-democrats in the Milwaukee city council have introduced ringing resolutions on the meat trust scandal. They charge that the house of representatives have been subsidized and that the Beveridge inspection bill has therefore been shorn of all its useful features, and demand the establishment of municipal slaughter houses for the purpose of furnishing fresh meat to the inhabitants of cities at cost.

The annual excursion of Chicago comrades to Milwaukee by boat last Sunday proved a fine success. Over 1,400 Chicago socialists landed at the steambot warf to the strains of the Marseillaise played by a Milwaukee band, and together with the Milwaukee comrades, marched to the Freie Gemeinde hall, which had been rented for the occasion. Here they listened to speeches and music, and renewed the comradely feeling between the socialists of the two cities. A long and tolerably fair account of the celebration given in the capitalist press.

Boise, Idaho, July 5.—The socialists have been holding a state convention at Caldwell for two days, and were in session until late to-night. They adopted a long declaration of principles, also a resolution declaring belief in the innocence of Moyer, Haywood and Pettibone, charged with the murder of former Governor Steunenberg.

The convention then nominated the following state ticket:

For congressman, E. L. Riggs of Heyburn; governor, Thomas F. Kelley of Caldwell; lieutenant governor, Chenoweth of Lewistown; secretary of state, J. F. Hutchinson of Burke; treasurer, James Smith of St. Anthony; auditor, Morgan Gifford of Council; superintendent of schools, Grace E. Workman of Boise; attorney general, L. E. Workman of Boise; mine inspector, Charles of Wallace; justice of the supreme court, Herman R. Titus of Caldwell.

There was a sharp contest over the nomination for governor. Vincent St. John was the candidate of the radical element, and came within a few votes of being nominated. St. John is the man who was arrested at Burke soon after Moyer was taken into custody and was afterwards turned over to the Colorado authorities charged with a murder at Telluride.—Press Dispatch.

State Secretary Sladden, in sending out the official returns of the vote in Oregon at the recent election, says: "The vote of 4,468 for Barzee represents a vote that cannot be swayed either way for anyone." The socialist vote follows:

Governor Barzee, 4,468; U. S. Senator, (long term) Simola, 5,571; U. S. Senator (short term) Stevens, 12,485; Supreme Judge, Robbins, 6,804; Secretary of State, Brown, 7,713; State Treasurer, Cook, 6,934; State Printer, Cooper, 7,292; Attorney General, Brix, 6,840; Superintendent of Public Instruction, Hosmer, 11,309; Labor Commissioner, Richards, 17,033; Congressman, (First District) Myers, 2,844; Congressman (Second District) Paul, 3,532.

The total vote for governor was 96,715, making our part on the straight vote, approximately 5 per cent.

The average vote cast for the socialist candidates, taking the vote of all candidates, is 8,512, being approximately 9 per cent of the whole.

The highest vote received by any socialist candidate was for Richards for Labor Commissioner, 17,033; showing what can be done by a socialist when the democrats are out of the way. There were only two candidates for this office—the republican and socialist. The other large votes were also secured where the democrats failed to nominate, but in these cases the prohibitionists had candidates.

Camille Huysman, secretary of the International Socialist Bureau, gives out that the first report of the Belgian elections were incorrect. The socialists gained two seats in parliament while the liberals gained three.

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International

ON THE VERGE OF REVOLUTION.

Russia is surely nearing the precipice. Every day the Duma gets more violent in its outspoken defiance of the autocracy, every day the radical wing which is determined it will force an issue by compelling the dismissal of the parliament, grows stronger in numbers, every day the peasants in the provinces grow more restless. This all springs from the attitude of the troops. The Proebra-Jensky regiment, "the Czar's own," have declared their solidarity with the parliament; documents showing the general spread of revolutionary organizations among the soldiers were found in the staff headquarters at Vilna; two battalions have mutined at Askabad; there is a serious mutiny and rebellion in Caucasus of all the troops including the Cossacks; mutiny and rioting are reported from Vladivostok; two regiments at Samara have revolted and are making political and service demands and the soldiers at Odessa and Sevastopol are mutinous. The Czar has ordered an investigation for the purpose of offsetting the revolutionary tendency. The situation has become so acute that a wholesale seizure of papers has been effected by the government. In the meantime peasant delegates have met with socialists in Helsingfors, Finland, and all have voted for a general uprising if the Duma is dissolved. Three significant facts stand out that augur well for the revolution—the dissatisfaction of the soldiers, the getting together of the peasants and proletariat, and the fact that the landless peasants are demanding collective and not private ownership of land. W. T. Stead in the "Saturday Evening Post" says that the Russian peasants are the only practical socialists in the world. They understand only collective ownership of land. Vance Thompson in "Everybody's" says the Russian proletariat are the most daring dreamers of liberty in the world and that the great fact of our time is that revolution everywhere means socialism. The Russian proletariat are highly developed and the Russian intellectuals are intensely revolutionary. It certainly looks possible that Russia may skip capitalism and blossom out of the social revolution into socialism—the first of nations to reach the goal divine.

At a convention just held by the Polish socialists of Austria the publication of a socialist daily paper in the Polish language was decided upon.

A dispatch from Berlin brings the tidings that Rosa Luxemburg, associate editor on the "Vorwarts" staff, who was arrested by Russian authorities in Warsaw some months ago and whose life was thought to be in danger, has been given her liberty under a bond of 3,000 rubles.

The socialists are now the opposition party in the parliament of Denmark. At the last election they doubled their number of seats in that body. The conservatives, who are in control, have 55 members, the socialists 24, the next highest number, and the balance of 34 seats are divided among four parties. The government is really in the minority if the whole opposition can be combined on any measure.

A Paris correspondent mentions the fact that the future great political struggle will between the socialists and their allies on the one side and the government on the other upon the question of militarism. The socialists demand that the military expenditures be reduced and certain democratic reforms be introduced in the army. Many of the soldiers have recently betrayed distinct signs of rebellion and the socialists are blamed for having circulated literature and agitated among the men.

Several socialists in Turin, Italy, have been tried and condemned to six to ten months imprisonment for participation in the propaganda against militarism. As soon as the trial was completed 1,800 anti-militarists handed in their names with a challenge to the authorities to prosecute them if they dared.

London, July 4.—James Keir Hardie, the socialist and independent labor leader and member of parliament, has addressed what is considered to be a most extraordinary letter to a Zulu subject in Edinburgh, in which he says the wholesale massacre of natives now going on in South Africa, under the pretense of suppressing a rebellion which does not exist, fills one with shame and horror. "I hope," Mr. Hardie wrote, "the day will come speedily when your race will be able to defend itself against the barbarities now perpetrated against it."—Press Dispatch.

Women's Clubs

SOCIALISM AND FREE LOVE.

A woman who has recently been weaned away from the socialist movement by a variety of influences brought to bear upon her, told me a few days ago that a Catholic priest had given her a book which showed by quotations from the "Appeal to Reason," "Wiltshire's Magazine," other socialist publications and the writings of prominent socialists that the socialists repudiate marriage.

Not having seen this priestly work, I cannot make a direct denial of the charges, nor show just how far the Jesuitical method has been used to make a point, but it is safe to say, judging from the usual works of this kind, that the author has been more concerned in arousing prejudice than in giving information. As is usual in such works, it is probable the priest has knowingly interpreted the socialist attack on capitalistic marriage as an attack on the marriage institution generally. The outspoken condemnation directed against the capitalist marriage relation by all socialists who stand for the grand ideal of the coming love marriage, would give a hostile Catholic priest just the opportunity he desired, to lead his readers to believe that socialists were attacking marriage itself and were striving for a condition of free love. With uninformed people, people who were not inclined to discriminate and people who had prejudged us, it would be an easy matter for a priestly writer to make it appear that Wayland, Wiltshire and others were attacking the marriage relation as a permanent social institution. Such methods are loathly contemptible but characteristically Jesuitical.

The writer of this article has read the leading socialist writers from Marx down, and has never yet encountered a repudiation of the social marriage relation. The scientific socialists from Marx to Kautsky—men who do not attempt to predetermine theories but interpret economic facts—are all agreed that the change from the capitalist to the socialist system will be followed by a change from the capitalist marriage relation where women are economically dependent upon men and obliged to marry a living and a home as well as a man, and compete with each other to marry these, to the social marriage relation where everything useful a woman does, will bring its natural reward in the form of private property so that women will be economically independent of men and men will have to win them and hold them by love, as women will have to do with men.

The social marriage is a marriage of equals. The capitalist marriage is a marriage of unequals. The social marriage is purely on the love plane; the capitalist marriage is largely on the commercial plane.

The social marriage tie holds two souls together by no bonds but love and regard for the children; the capitalist marriage tie holds together by economic force and dooms a woman to a dependence wherein she suffers a bodily submission often of the most horrifying nature; it breaks every law of nature by seeking to add to the bondage of economic dependence that of institutional force to hold men and women together who do not love each other or have become totally repulsive to each other.

Right on this last point does the scientific view come in contact with the Catholic idea of divorce. To those scientists who have carefully deduced what would follow if capitalism were destroyed, they naturally conclude that capitalism in marriage would be destroyed also. They catch the inspiring vision of a pure love union above dependence, above commercial consideration. This leads them to a natural view, and they perceive that love is the great fact of sex union; that without pure elevated love, sex relation is immoral; that love alone sanctifies and justifies sex relation, and that when love ceases, to continue the relation, is to uphold an immoral relation between man and woman.

But to hold up love as life's supreme fact, to acknowledge no bond and no justification for sex-unity but love, is to strike at the very roots of divorce; for the loss of love, the sex repulsion, the desire for separation, springs more from the sense of two beings being chained together by economics and by law than from any other cause. When men and women learn to feel that love is the only bond in marriage—love and duty to their children—that bond will be so strengthened that nothing can break it. It is the infidelity that trusts to artificial chains that leads to divorce.

But there is the social as well as the individual side of the marriage question—the side which takes first the good of the race as a whole into consideration. He who calling himself a socialist, does not consider this side is the very opposite of a socialist. From the side of the interest of the human race as a whole marriage ex-

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ists for the child—for the best form of race perpetuation. The child has the primary and supreme right in marriage, and not the parents. Therefore marriages must be publicly acknowledged social unions and separations must be publicly acknowledged dissolutions, in order that every child may be insured the care and love of two parents, or where the love of the parents for each other has ceased and union is no longer possible, at least the care and love of one and the support of both. Parental love is necessary to the normal blossoming of love and character in the race, so there need be no fear but that socialism which perceives that the good of the race is the first great interest of every individual cannot do otherwise than to preserve parenthood in its highest and purest form. But the transcendent beauty of socialism lies in its beautiful faith in the supremacy of love.

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State Department

In order to keep your section of the community thoroughly posted on what the Socialist Party is doing in Montana during the campaign, and let the ignorant know there is some other party besides those engineered by the Amalgamated, each local should take weekly bundles of the News from now on till after election next fall. To any individual or local contracting for these bundles we will furnish them at the rate of \$2 for ten copies per week till after election. Larger bundles will be at the same rate. That is 100 copies a week will cost \$20 from now till after election. Order your bundles early so you can be educating your neighborhood.

Comrade Paul N. Kallitz sends dues and press fund contribution from Clancy and reports Collins' meeting there a good one.

Comrade Latimer will speak at Bridger, Belfry, Chance, Red Lodge, Henry School, Roberts, Carbonado and Joliet before leaving Carbon county. He will be in charge of the Red Lodge comrades.

Secretary John Peters sends \$6 for stamps. Full arrangements have been made for Latimer's dates. Comrade Peters will leave Red Lodge for a month. At the last local meeting the old officers were elected for another year.

Comrade A. J. MacDonald, as usual, is working night and day for the "News" and socialism. He writes from Billings for more sample copies preparatory to leaving for Forsyth. He reports Latimer's meetings as being wonderful and says the socialist vote will surprise the old partyites of Billings.

Mable sends us \$58.70 from the little handful of the unfettered comprising Local Chico—press fund \$40; convention assessment for eight members, \$8; dues ten members, July, August and September, \$4.50; sold 4 state constitutions, \$0.20. This is truly a magnificent showing for the staunch little local!

Comrade Platt writes: "At Mrs. Hazlett's last meetings at Hamilton as I was distributing copies of the 'Montana News' some capitalist cur accepted a paper and immediately tore it into shreds, I said that is all right, we can print another (and here it is). Now if he wants to snarl, bark or bite he can have the chance."

Comrade Chas. G. Buck, of Canyon Ferry, encloses a list of five subscribers and check. Speaking for the country about Canyon Ferry Comrade Buck says that there are as many who are socialists and who favor socialism as there are those who are opposed or indifferent. "That wonderful state of affairs," says he, "has come about in the last 6 months or year."

Comrade Jesse D. Selby writes from Great Falls asking that Collins be given additional dates—July 12, 13, 14—and says, "The meetings here have been so successful that the comrades think they should be followed up as soon as possible with more. Send us more bills as soon as possible to advertise meetings."

Comrade Ben Wilson writes us enclosing an application for a charter from Garniel. This is part of the result of his meetings there. He says, "The comrades here will salt the enemy down with literature now and get them ready for a meeting later in August or September." There are five applicants. "Dalen" Barrows is organizer.

Secretary Peter Reimond of the Finnish local, Butte, reports Collins meetings a great success, especially the street meetings. He says concerning the work among the Finnish comrades of Butte by a comrade from Massachusetts: "We also have had Comrade Hilda Sikanen here from Quincy, Mass."

achusetts, and she has done excellent work among the women. Last Tuesday she left for Seattle. She is going to visit other points on the Pacific coast. Please send local No. 3 50 membership cards.

Trout Creek is beginning to catch the campaign and organization fever. We are in receipt of two letters from comrades there, both calling for speakers. Com. A. N. Brooks says a good speaker could accomplish results by putting in two days each at Plains, Thompson, Trout Creek and Haron. "Am well pleased with the 'News'," says he, "You can depend on me for \$5 on the equipment fund between this and fall." Comrade S. R. Allen writes, "What we need is a local. Mr. King got the thing started a little, but he wasn't here long enough and didn't see all the main ones as many were away. I wish you would send an organizer down here to stir things up. I will do all I can to help."

Judging from a letter just received from Comrade Hudson of Dean, he and his revolutionary fellow ranchers are thoroughly disgusted with the mass of wage workers who persist in their blind ignorance in voting for the capitalist system. It does seem strange that the ranchers can often give the wage workers lessons in class consciousness and class loyalty. Comrade Hudson says of one of these working class ignoramuses: "A union man was up here from Billings. I talked to him about the Moyer-Haywood outrage. He didn't know anything about it. Had heard the name of Moyer and Haywood mentioned but didn't remember by whom. All he could talk about was the carpenter's union and the saloons."

This culpable ignorance is certainly discouraging, but when a rancher is more proletarian than the proletarian and more loyal to the wage worker's cause than the wage worker himself we don't feel a bit discouraged; we know all is well.

Comrade Chas. Ettien sends in the following report of the Wilson meetings at White Sulphur Springs:

"Mr. B. F. Wilson gave an open air lecture here night before last and also last night to a fairly good audience for an out of the way place, and when we consider that it was the first open air lecture ever given in this town on socialism. In fact there never was a socialist lecture given in this place to my knowledge except to a few people at the Springs hotel ten days ago by Comrade King and as near as I can ascertain there has not been a socialist vote cast in this precinct.

"I was very much pleased at the attentiveness of the people to Comrade Wilson, and I think that it has left an impression at least, that may lead to good results. An old lady, Mrs. Newberry (over eighty years old) came out to hear Wilson last night and said that she was very much pleased with the lecture. Said she and her husband have believed in the socialist movement for many years.

"A small collection was raised for the benefit of Comrade Wilson."

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WILSON'S REPORT.
"I am having excellent meetings up here (Fergus county). Will leave for Moore in the morning, then return here and speak again Saturday night and possibly Sunday. Will then make another 'round trip' at Gilt Edge and Maiden and Kendall and be ready to leave here Thursday morning. Took many subs for the 'News' at Kendall, also several here in Lewistown."

LATIMER'S REPORT.
Have finished up my work in Billings. Held twelve meetings in all. The collections at nine meetings (I did not make collections at all) was \$32.60. Sold all my literature and all sub cards of the "News" I had and could have sold more. Enclosed find money order for six cards. Send me more cards to Bridger.
My meetings in Billings were paid for almost altogether from the collections coming mostly from those outside of Local Billings.
Yours for socialism,
T. E. LATIMER.

MRS. HAZLETT'S REPORT
The Amalgamated Gang Active Against Socialism—Resort to Mob Methods—Routed by Our Valiant Speaker.

At the Lake Como outing which was a pronounced success Mrs. Hazlett spoke on the "Economic Progress of Women." The speech was well received especially by the large number of ladies present. Sunday evening a meeting was held at Darby. The hall was crowded with attentive listeners. Collections were \$3.60. Monday and Tuesday Mrs. Hazlett devoted to a grateful rest under the hospitable roof of Comrade Platt.

"The Fourth of July affair had aroused quite a breeze in Hamilton. People were indignant at the actions of the capitalist politicians. It transpired that under the guise of a benevolent old soldier's picnic a seductive political scheme lay involved. The democratic son of Ward, the man on whose grounds the picnic was held, has been singled out for sheriff of Ravalli county, and the republicans are to elect him. And we learned from disinterested sources that it was Ward that flatly issued the ultimatum that no socialist was to be heard on any subject. Consequently the meeting at Hamilton aroused the interest of the entire community. A crowd of several hundred people was assembled on the street both nights, and listened to the thorough airing of the political situation. Even women were heard to say that they understood thoroughly now the political conspiracy between the old parties against the liberties of the workers. \$8.40 collections was taken, \$2.05 literature sold, and 13 subs taken.

After the street meetings both evenings the socialists gathered at the Cottage hotel to make arrangements for placing a ticket in the field under the primary law. The local there has been in bad shape, dues behind, officers away and so on. Friday night they elected new officers, paid up their dues and took the initiative in calling the county central committee together for Wednesday evening to make final arrangements for filing the petitions for their county candidates. The lawyers are attempting to scare the socialists from placing a ticket in nomination by telling them the time limit is past. But went over to the court house, received our information direct from the county clerk, and the socialists are on deck to run the Amalgamated a good game in Ravalli county. Hundreds of working men are looking to us to provide for them a means of political expression. One man was heard to say that if the socialists did not put up a county ticket he would vote the state ticket at election, and that was all.

Our conference broke up about half past one in the morning. Elsewhere is given list of officers elected. I was particularly pleased at Mrs. George Ward being made literature agent.
Comrade Newell was elected state committeeman, a cause of congratulation, as we need able men to steer the destinies of the socialist ship at this stage."

Victor.
"We are stirring up the animals in Ravalli county. Victor was about the worst thing in the way of a propaganda proposition that I ever struck. The streets are usually full Saturday night, and I started out with a good crowd, but it soon developed that the forces of the enemy were at work. A couple of men got directly in front of me and engaged in disturbing conversation, and though politely requested to desist, continued their disturbance. The noise continued to increase. Loud talking, hooting, insulting remarks, and all the evidences of mob riot were manifested. Inquiries were made for the constable, but he had gone off and hid. I continued with my speech though, and as is usual with the crowd of hoodlums, wore them out, and finished in peace.

It is the first time in ten years' work that I have ever had such a lawless occasion. This is an example of the civilizing blessings of capitalism. I sought the constable out, and wanted to know how much it would about cost to have our meetings protected, as they are in other places. He said he couldn't protect them. He is a miserable cringing coward, afraid if you point your finger at him, and put in by the saloon gang because they know he will let everything alone.

Under such circumstances the brave little band of socialists here certainly deserve credit for standing so courageously for a higher type of civilization amid such discouraging surroundings.

I have since learned that the politicians are after the socialist speaking in Ravalli county. A load of them have been down from Hamilton through this lower country to use all means in their power to make trouble for the meetings. It is said that Clark is spending a lot of money in here for this campaign, so we are liable to have our hands full. They need to concentrate on Victor for we polled 20 per cent of the vote here at the last election.

We held a meeting of the local after the street meeting. The comrades arranged to pay up their dues, and send a delegate to the county committee at Hamilton, next Wednesday evening."

"Sunday night it rained, and we were obliged to hold the meeting in the hall. A good crowd was present, everything was quiet and peaceable, and much interest was manifested by the audience. We shall poll a good vote in Ravalli county."

FREE SPEECH SUPPRESSED

Mrs. Hazlett Shut Out at Old Soldiers' Picnic by Republican Gang After Being Announced as Speaker.

That we have inspired the enemy with fear and forced him to resort to the dirtiest of methods in Ravalli county is evidenced by the following versions of Mrs. Hazlett's Fourth of July experience:

Comrade Platt's Account.

"Desiring to give Comrade Hazlett a little diversion out of ordinary rut today, I invited her to go with me to an old soldiers picnic. Having served over three years myself the enclosed poster will show that my authority for being present was genuine. We had a five mile drive to get within a mile from home and upon arriving there, was just in time to place myself at the foot of the column. Comrade J. B. Overturf was marshal and master of ceremonies for the occasion and I stepped forward and told him that I had brought a lady with me competent to address an audience on such a day and if their program was short she would accept a call to entertain them for a few moments and I would pledge myself that she would say nothing political and not pertinent to the occasion. He gave me the program

and I placed her name at the foot of it. At the end of the original program the marshal announced that there was a lady speaker present who would address them after the dinner was over. During and after dinner the matter was discussed quietly pro and con and the delay of calling to order made me think they had concluded that no more speaking was desirable. So I determined to sift the matter and again asked the marshal for a plump yes or no. I received for answer that it was the consensus of opinion that it was not desirable to hear her. Hurrah for the Fourth of July! where the Declaration of Independence can be read and free speech squashed. I am solely responsible for her presence and take upon myself the opprobrium, if there be any, for requesting her to allow me to introduce her to the comrades for a patriotic purpose.

Yours for free speech, a free press, and the liberty to be snubbed on the Fourth of July.

HIRAM PLATT."

Mrs. Hazlett's Version.

"On the Fourth of July we went across the Bitter Root river to an Old Soldier's picnic. The marshal of the day was told I was present and announced that I would speak after dinner. Lawyer O'Hara of Hamilton was the orator of the day. He is called the 'red fox of the republican party.' He gave the accustomed republican eulogy of glory and 'freedom', and 'prosperity'."

After dinner, the marshal, whose name is Overturf, and who is a county commissioner, came to me and said that they did not wish a political speech. Comrade Platt had previously told them that I was not going to make a political speech at all. I told them such was not my intention in the least. The republican bosses of the community then got their heads together, and flatly refused to let me speak at all.

I told Overturf that he had had a pure political talk on the chief issue of the republican party, prosperity, and he wouldn't even let a socialist speak on any subject.

The joke of this fiasco was that O'Hara sent out from town to round the farmers up solid for the Amalgamated this fall, pretended at first that he was perfectly willing that I should speak but when the conspirators got together he was one of them, and it isn't likely that he was overlooking anything that would have an election bearing. The capitalist class are sending all their spell binders out wherever they think there are any socialists this summer.

This affair, however, is going to be a boomerang in the precinct. The people were disgusted at such repressive measures for they wanted to hear me speak. Overturf wants to come up for commissioner again this fall, but many were heard to say that this would beat him cold.

Ravalli county needs a most strenuous work of redemption. The rule of the bosses is hated and the socialists must spare no effort to expose their infamous methods of control."

IN THE FIELD.

MRS. HAZLETT'S DATES.

- Missoula July 13, 14, 15, 16
- Frenchtown (unorganized) July 17, 18
- Hueson (unorganized) July 19
- Nine Mile (unorganized) July 20
- Open date July 21
- Lothrop (unorganized) July 22
- Quartz (unorganized) July 23, 24
- St. Regis (unorganized) July 25
- De Borgia (unorganized) July 26, 27
- Saltese (unorganized) July 28

BEN WILSON'S DATES.

- Bozeman July 12, 13
- Livingston July 14
- Big Timber July 15
- Billings July 16, 17, 18, 19
- Comrade Wilson goes into Wyoming for a week's work commencing July 20th.

T. E. LATIMER'S DATES.

- Henry School house, Carbon county July 13
- Roberts (unorganized) July 14
- Carbonado (unorganized) July 15
- Joliet (unorganized) July 16
- Open date July 17
- Park City (unorganized) July 18, 19
- Dean July 20

JOHN COLLINS' DATES.

- Sandcoulee (unorganized) July 13
- Great Falls July 13, 14, 15
- Fort Benton July 16
- Havre July 17, 18, 19

MURRAY E. KING'S DATES.

- Clancy July 14

LENA MORROW LEWIS.

- Butte July 17 to 23 inclusive.

Sir Joseph G. Ward, premier of New Zealand, was asked by a press reporter the other day in New York what would be done in New Zealand with an ice trust. He said:
"The solution of that problem is simple. If any man or company should buy up all the ice plants and control the supply of ice on hand and then push up the price to consumers we would immediately build ice plants and give the people all the ice they wanted at a small price and a fair profit. We had a similar condition arise at home in the coal industry and we put it down quickly."
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