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Persecution Labor at Starting Post

Paying Spotters for Secret Service New York Printers Agitating for Po- Government of the People, By the Work-Great Opportunity for litical Action Through the Judges for the Corporations-Socialists in Legislature Socialist Party

Rathdrum Ida. Feb. 18, 1908. priation was made for, and it has Many rumors have been afloat always been a question in my mind State money in the recent Steve Steve Adams Case out of that appro-Adams trial held here, among them priation. I also have a claim in being board bills for attorneys, Pink- favor of W. H. Jones, Rathdrum for ertons, local hangers on and petty same service rendered and same political grafters, for all kinds of amount. pretenses.

The man Jones is a local jeweler and no one would ever have suspected him had not the State Auditor mentioned in his postcript.

In the face of these rumors, the socialists of Rathdrum and Kootenai County instructed their Secre-State Auditor for information.

The following is the correspondence in full.

Rathdrum Ida., Jan. 8, 1908. Hon. Robt. S. Bragaw, Boise, Idaho.

Dear Sir-It has been reported in the public press that John R. Wilson, Justice of the Peace, living at this place drew a warrant from the State for some sum greater than fifty dollars for services rendered in connection with the recent trial of the State vs. Steve Adams. Mr. Wilson is reported to have said this was for legal services rendered by him. I am aware that the State had quite an array of legal talent, some of whom never raised their voices in connection with the trial, but I can scarcely believe that Mr. Wilson was given a place on the staff of attorneys at the expense of the State. I will thank such a warrant was issued, giving the date, amonnt and also what serBragaw.

Boise, Ida. Nov. 25, 1907. State of Idaho, to John R. Wilson, Rathdrum, Idaho.

Secret service work at Rathdrum, Idaho, in the case of the State of Idaho vs Steve Adams charged with tary John G. Koch, to write the and including the 14th day of November, to and including the 24th day of November, 1907, being 11 days and nights, vnder and by virtue of a contract with and direction tically through th Socialist party. of James H. Hawley and Bartlett

Sinclair representing the State of Idaho, at the rate of Five (\$5.00) Dollars a day.

Note: The contract here referred to was necessary for the protection day. of the State's interest and was made and fully and faithfully executed by claimant.

Bartlett Sinclair. The State of Idaho, County of Kootenai ss.

John R. Wilson, being first duly sworn deposes and says that he is the cers of the union guilty of contempt person, or agent of the person presenting the within claim; that the a scab. services, supplies or othes items of any and every kind and nature what- that the officials of a labor organisoever, if any, therein set out, have zation have been held responsible you to inform me whether or not been rendered or furnished, or ex- by the courts for the acts of the pended by claimant to or for the members of the union. State of Idaho, and that no part of and owing to claimant on the within have come to the conclusion that it the first Sunday of next month the hour workday and return to the tenstated account is Fifty-five (\$55.00) is time to seek relief at the ballot dollars.

here about the extravagance of the what right they had to pay for the Union Officers Go to Jail, Members to Ballot Box-Sequel to Court's Attack On Labor

The action taken by the courts of received with satisfaction by mem-New York in sentencing three offi- bers of the union all over the city, cers of Typographical Union No. 6, and petitions were circulated for sigbetter known as "Big Six" to jail, natures by the members in which and fining two others. \$500. each is approval of the suggestion was ancausing the printers of New York to nounced. The following from the murder, First Judicial District, from think that it is time to commence composing room of the New York action. Times signed by sixty-seven mem-

There is considerable sentiment bers is a fair sample. among the members to appropriate To President Murphy of T. U. No. 6. \$1,000 for the cause of labor poli-Times Chapel indorse in full the The officers were sentenced for violating an injunction of the State you which is printed in the New Supreme Court, issued against them and in favor of the Typothetae take steps toward uniting politically, during the strike for the eight hour

During the progress of the strike, which was ordered two years ago, a member of the union was charged that you recommend to the officers union. with assaulting a scab and in the court it was proven that the union by them looking the same end behad nothing to do with the attack on the scab, yet the court finds the offibecause a union man hada fight with

This is the first time in New York Chapel.

The printers after passing through the same has been paid; and further a great strike for the eifht hour day ing petitions similar in character, that the correct amount justly due and being battered by the courts, and at the meeting of the union on pany refused to abandon the ninebox. Calls of various kinds are are being circulated by the members be appointed by the President and the unionists from throwing the light demanding the local President to the result of its deliberations will be of publicity upon that concern. take action. The call sent out from New York Times composing room

Max Hays on Situation

constitutional, all rendered within thirty days, constitute the plainest kind of notification to the working people of this country that they need expect nothing better from the highest judicial tribunal in the land of tional, with injunctions being worked the mailed fist.

In this latest decision the United Hatters of North America and officers of the American Federation of Labor rre forbidden to boycott the unfair hats manufactured by Lowe & Co. of Danbury, Conn. The latter concern claims damages to the amount of \$240,000, and pending The following members of the adjudication property worth \$180, 000 owned by individual members views contained in the interview with of the union has been held by attachment proceedings.

York World, and we urge that you The hatters claim that their members have been victimized and black through the medium of the Socialist listed by Lowe & Co., and main-Party, the members of the various tained their right to inform cheir feltrades unions and other bodies of low unionists and friends that the workingmen in this locality, and products of the plaintiff were non-

But because the hatters refused to of I. T. U. the necessity of action be discriminated against and suffer fore the last remnant of our rights in silence, but insisted upon fighting is taken from us by one or the other back, the Supreme Court charges of the courts and we rendered un- them with being engaged in a "crimable to make even a slight objection inal conspiracy in restrain of trade." to the harshest rulings that their "Blessed be those who have not, for from them shall be taken even biased judgment may hoist upon us. The list in the Herald contains that which they hath."

about 100 names and is identical in Substantially the same conditions text with that circulated in the Times are involved in the case of the Buck the American workingmen are as in-Stove & Range Co. against the telligent and brave as those of Aus-

Other newspaper chapels are sign- American Federation of Labor. tralia, England, Germany, France,

The latest two blows of the Sup- imagination to fancy the modern reme Court against Organized Labor Nero of Capitalism leaning forward coupled with a third decision decla- on his throne and thundering:" What ring the employers' liability law un- are you going to do about it. slave!" Aye! What are the laboring people going to do about it?

of Labor

What is there left for them to do? With laws enacted for their protection being declared unconstitu-

overtime when they seek to better their conditions, with the strike virtually outlawed and the boycott pronounced a criminal conspiracy, with the blacklist declared a legal weapon to be used by those who have fattened upon the billions of wealth produced by labor-which wealth was wrung from its creators by tariffs, subsidies, financial jugglery,. franchises, land and railroad thievery and the hundred and one schemes: of graft that have been forced through national, state and municipal legislative bodies.

What is there left for labor to do? There is practically nothing left but the ballot! Has labor got sense enough and the backbone to fight for the election of men from its own ranks to take the places of the contemptuous flunkies who now sit in the legislative chambers as the agents of the privileged few?-

If labor does not possess the courage to strike at its tormentors thru the ballot box, labor deserves the kicks it is receiving and nobody ought to waste sympathy with its cowardice. But we feel certain that

vice was rendered by him to entitle him to receive this amount.

Thanking you in advance I, am Very truly yours, John G. Koch.

Boise, Ida. Jan. 11, 1908.

Mr. John G. Koch, Rathdrum, Idaho.

Dear Sir-I herewith enclose a certified copy of the claim of John R. Wilson against the State of Idaho in the "Steunenberg Murder Case", and which please accept with my compliments.

The bill will explain itself, and it appears to be for secret service work in accordance with a contract and under the direction of James E. Hawley and Bartlett Sinclair, and at the rate of \$5.00 per day.

This claim was paid by a deficiency certificate, and the claim certified to the next Legislature for payment, the \$50,000.00 appropriated by the last Legislature being exhau- the Legislative Fund. sted.

Very respectfully,

Robt. S. Bragaw, State Auditor.

red to the "Steunenberg Murder Case". That was what the appro-

they will be permanently stationed. was ready. This is the first detachment of the state police to move to the scene of

organization.

John R. Wilson.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 25th day of November, 1907.

T. L. Quarles, Clerk of Distrrict Court.

Seal Per D. E. Danby. Deputy.

Endorsed: Claim of John R. Wilson for services, filed November 30, 1907, referred December 3, 1907, Steunenberg Case, Main Appropriation Paid Deficiency Certificate 9.

We hereby certify that we have examined the within and approved the same for the sum of \$55.00 and authorize the State Auditor to issue Deficiency Certificate for that amount.

This claim is hereby certfied to

Dated this December 3, 1907, Board of Examiners of the State of Idaho.

By F. R. Gooding, Chairman, P. S .- You will note I have refer- Robt. Langdon, Secretary of State. J. J. Guheen, Attorney General. (Continued on Page 4.)

First Squad of Police in the Field stable Inmaa of his selection, re-

Preparations are now being made questing that Revier come to Carat Carson to move one squad of 12 son to take the squad of mounted mounted police to Goldfield where, police back to Goldfield, as it now

Word comes from San Diego. the trouble which resulted in the Cal., that George A. Pettibone's passage of the law providing for the health is in a rather critical condition. It has been decided that in

The squad will be under the di- order to save his life it will be necerection of W. H. Revier of Gold- ssary to remove one of his kidneys. field, who is better known in that The long term of confinement that camp under the name of 'Jere Re- he underwent in Boise jail has ruinviere." News of Reviere's appoint- ed his health completely, so much ment as sergeant was sent from Car- that it looks as if the mine owners,

is as follows: In an interview with the representative of the New York World, prin-

to politics as a means of bettering the attention of trades unionists all fectly lawful. its condition. The suggestion was over the country.



When employes of the Buck's Comhour day, then the Buck's Company matter will be considered.

A committee in all probability will applied for an injunction to restrain The precedent having been estabpresented at a later meeting of the lished in the Lowe case, it can be organization.

The Typographical Union of New reasonably inferred that the Supreme York is the largest trades union in Court will not reverse itself in the this country and the second largest Buck's case, but will emphasize the ted a few days ago, President Mur- trade organization in the world, and opinion that boycotting when done phy of T. U. No. 6 was reported as the consideration of Socialism by by labor is unlawful, while blacklistsaying that in future labor must look this organization is bound to attract ing on the part of employers is per-

Of course, the "purchased newspapers" and "purchased politicians" will now engage in their time worn the army, and at present are stationpastime of assuring the people that ed at Fort Harrison, near Helenay. there is "only one law for rich and Reports from the fort are to the poor alike," but they will studiously effect that six soldiers are in the refrain from mentioning the fact that guard house awaiting trial on the the law is interpreted and enforced charge of beating the scabs up, at in different ways.

Despite all the protestations of the clacquers the United States Sup- ostracized by the soldiers, and are reme Court has laid down the prin- receiving worse treatment than they ciple that capital may blacklist labor would had they remained as civilbut labor may not blacklist the mer- jans.

Austria, Finland, the Netherlands and other countries, and will make use of their political power to emancipate themselves from the thraldom into which they have been plunged by their political slavery and worship of the golden calf.

The time has come for the laboring man to throw off the partisan yoke, make a new start, and battle for the interests of themselves, their wives and children and their class. Make the start!

Scabs Not Wanted in The Army.

Two scab boilermakers who were recently run out of Livingston joined various times.

It seems that the scabs are being-

But then, it is said, "That they

ing the corporations to break the

Santa Fe Reduces Wages

strike, now get it on the neck when Topeka, Feb. 19-It is announced the corporations have no further here today that the Atchison, Topeneed of their services. ka & Santa Fe Railway company has ordered a reduction of 18 per cent in wages of the mechanical department all over the system. Two only source of income to capitalists, hundred men were discharged today therefore the interests of the capitalin the Tapeka shops. Reductions ist class and the working class are were made in other Kanses shops.

This is the way the corporations treat scabs, as well as white men.

The exploitation of labor is the

directly opposed, and the struggle. becomes more relentless.

The capitalist class now uses the The shopmen on the Santa Fe have powers of government to further been on strike against a system that their own ends, and the working would turn the shops into a section class must obtain the powers of govof "Dante's Inferno." The traitors ernment in order to defend themo their class who have been assist- selves and administer justice.

son yesterday by Superintendent of have attained their object with at Police Cox who telegraphed to Con- 'east one of the kidnapped miners.' Where, Oh Where Has the Dinner Pail Gone?

chandise controlled by capital. And it requires no great stretch of won't even have a scale in h-1.

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BLUE DAYS

Into the life of every socialist doubts and discouragements are bound to come. Many times the skies are overcast and the fogs of ignorance settle thickly about us. Many are the times when hope is almost dead, when the tide of human progress seems creeping back upon the shore and one feels like giving up the task and just letting poor dumb humanity suffer on. At such times we sometimes hear a comrade declare that he is going to quit woring about the ignorant mob, that there is no use trying to educate or elevate them, that it is hopeless cause and that so long as we have to live in a society of exploited and exploiters he is going to be one of the exploiters, that he is tired of pulling in the harness and intends to get a seat in the chariot and finish the journey at the expense of the strength and misery of the great suffering mass.

Comrades, there is not a capitalist in the world, who cannot defend his position on the same grounds. There is not a traitor to the socialist or labor movement who cannot give

Falls and Livingston have committees at work, making arrangements for dances or entertainment. Let the other locals do likewise and the amount can be easily raised. The opportunities that are now ours to make Socialism an issue this year must be taken advantage of. The work that is done this year will mean much to the future of the movement and if carried through with vim, will mean after the next general election that there will be only two parties in the country, the Socialist party

representing the producers and the Republican party the capitalists, with the democratic party enjoying benevolent Republican assimilation. It lays in our power to make the

issue this year, and force the old

parties to meet the question of A Coal Digger's View of Organsocialism.

Congress two years hence.

of the News:

viding up.

This Man Has Been Fed on Old

Party Dope.

question was received at the office

'Great Falls, Mont., Feb. 16.

A Subscriber."

Sirs:-How are the socialists go-

ing to divide the wealth of this na-

Please answer through the News.

Socialism does not stand for di-

tion when they get the power?

ous to divide up with the idle.

Active work has commenced At the recent convention of the n this State. Twenty-five thousand U. M. W. of A. held at Indianapolenflets entitled, "Join the Socialist lis, Ind., much was done toward Party," are now ready for distribu- solidifying organized labor in the tion throughout the State. Another west.

Socialism", is now ready for the wood of the W. F. of M. which was press, and twenty-five thousand co- answered by President Mitchell, who pies will be sent broadcast through expressed a hope that these two the State.

miners' organizations would be brought into closer relationship with each other, the convention authorized the International Executive Board to appoint representatives to attend the W. F. of M. conventionn with that desirable object in view. Since I have taken an active interest in union and socialist affairs, I have heard men at various times and places laud the W. F. M. to the blue canopy of heaven and always as a sort of moral, end up by painting the A. F. of L. and its affiliated organizations in a most depressing \$1,000 to be raised in March is and uncomplimentary light. the target. Can you hit the mark?

rial perfection tell it the history of

Every victory of A. F. of L. organizations is clearly offset by our friends who show clearly (?) how much greater it might have been if the A. F. of L. had only made a de-Concern of all", "that there are two

Capitalism stands for dividing up. lose a strike! Selah! Our friend is not act as they do, they must organ Capitalism compels the industri-Suppose you are an average work-

ization.

not sufficient.

tion that capital countenances, must of necessity be bad I would humbly ask why it is that organizers of the U. M. W. of A. in the Colorado You divide with the rubber trust. coal fields get assaulted and beat up You divide with the hide and while organizers of the Western

Federation associates with and ap-You divide with the copper trust. parently enjoys the company of the You divide with the brass trust, hired thugs of the coal companies the can trust, the paper trust, the of southern Colorado.

shoe trust, the oil trust, the flour But enough of this, if the two ortrust, the woolen trust, the cotton ganizations can be brought closer trust, the sugar trust, and various together so that all of these quarrelother exploiters and grafters. You ings will cease forever, let us throw no obstacle in the way and if a man

> ization let him advocate them honestly and not do as I have seen many do, if an organization could not ap-

prove of an idea to try and disrupt or swing that organization over to

> one that did reflect his ideas. It seems to me to be a foolish thing to do for a man or set of men to force an organization to adopt some principle before the membership understands it, rather would I see all those who believe in an industrial form of organization or in socialism spend every effort they have to educate those associates with them in unions and then if they are right the membership will demand the needed change.

There are those in every union who do not believe in agreements (and white agreements have many defects they have been the means by which labor has reached its present strength) and while I myself believe that there are many things objectionable in them, still I would not at this time abolish the system for the reason that labor is not omnipotent as yet and is not master of its destiny by any means.

Whenever labor wants its style of organization changed it can do so by simply asking for it, as all labor organizations are fully representative and our present system simply reflect the desire of the majority. So when a sufficient number be. lieve in socialism or an industrial form of organization, labor unions

claration that "Labor produces all din's lamp, who always obeyed imwealth," "an Injury to one, is the plicitly the possessor thereof. It seems peculiar to me that men classes and room for only one", etc. will preach that the majority rule, But, if an A. F. of L. organization and then because the majority can-

right on the ground cleverly and ize other organizations to reflect their clearly showing us the utter futility ideas, it also looks cowardly be of the whole thing, it is proof con- cause a man who is voted down and clusive that we are founded on thinks he is right will not try and wrong principles, that our officers throw obstacles in the way of labor are dishonest, rank and file abso- by organizing such a "weapon" as lutely ignorant and the whole thing the I. W. W. could have solved by simply think-A man of the kind mentioned ing and acting as our critic advises above when surrounded by a few us-it is surprisingly simple and we thousand fellow "affinities" of the wonder often times why it is we I. W. W. stripe imagines that the never have thought of it before. plaudits he hears are the class con-Of course, if the W. F. of M. lose scious clamorings of the rank and a strike it is simply a sign that des- file, when in reality the noise he potic capitalism has cruelly and hears is the parrot like repetition of wickedly taken an unfair advantage the few gathered around and who of that organization and in no way imagine that the small world they detract merit from its form of organ" live in is holding gigantic intellects that scintillate unansweable argu-



Will soon be thrown open to settlement. It is the largest and richest Reservation that has ever been open Company is having a true map made of the Reservation and is and will be possessed of all the information regarding thereto. It will furnish you

divide up with them. You have to. What do you think has advanced ideas in either organabout it.

up with the capitalists.

leather trust.

You divide up with the beef trust.

You divide with the lumber trust.

You divide with the steel trust.

ized Labor

llings leaflet the "Primary Principles of After a speech by W. D. Hay-

Two more leaflets will be issued, making a total of one hundred thousand leaflets that will be sent out by the State organization before May 1. This work should be followed up, and to do it will require lots of campaign funds. Let no local or socialist falter now. We can make things hum this year, and roll up such a vote that the old parties will have the time of their life in preventing a Socialist going from Montana to Rally to the charge Comrades.

To hear those disciples of indust-

American labor has been one of mismanagement, dishonesty and fail-A post card with the following ures.

the same excuse for his actions. The labor movement in America is mess of pottage.

It is these blue days that test the only a sentiment with him or if he perintendence. has entered the movement from a narrow selfish motive he grows luke- time for you to take your coat and warm or drops out altogether. But hat and go home to your wife and if he has entered the movement as a class conscious member of the working class, if he is rooted in the socialist philosophy deep enough to know that the individual can only be saved through the salvation of society, if he feels the inspiration of the red flag and knows the meaning of the word comrade, he may falter but he never fails. A rift comes in the clouds, a new light breaks, doubts dispelled give renewed strength and he buckles on his armour tight and presses on.

Comrades, already the eastern horizon glows with the light of the coming dawn.

the same.

The circular in question appeals Montana to give a dance or entertainment, on or about March 17. The proceeds from said entertainment and dances to go direct to the State Organization, to assist in capitalizing the News and carrying on tion shall be publicly owned and campaign work in the State.

If the locals will respond to this call, \$1,000, can be easily raised, except the energy applied to make their toil. it a success.

Already, Butte, Fridley, Great viding up.

You work nine or ten hours a day. In the first hour or two of your full of examples of men who were day's work you produce by your lawilling to sell their birthright for a bor the amount you receive for the entire day.

In another hour or two you promettle in a man and determine how duce your proportion of the wear firmly he is rooted in the socialist and tear, the running expenses, the philosophy. If socialism has been raw material and the wages of su-

> Well, then, having done this, it is babies.

Do you do it? No, you don't. What do you do? You go ahead and work the rest of the day and add still more to the world's wealth by your labor. Who earned that surplus? You earned it. Who gets it? The capitalist gets it. You divide up with him. The socialist party says that you, who earned it, shall get it.

The reason that you do not get it now is because a few private individuals and corporations are permit-

ted to own the means of production It is to be hoped that the locis and distribution, and to compel you throughout the state will consider to hand over to them the bulk of the out of the lion's share of your earn-

ings.

The socialist party says that the forty thousand of the W. F. of M. means of production and distribu. are right.

in the west. No, socialism does not mean di-

And another disadvantage the A. ments. F. of L. is laboring under is its pre-My idea of progress is to attend sident, Samuel Gompers. Of course strictly to propagating our ideas the fact that labor has re-elected along sane lines and not try and Gompers for these many years make capital for ourselves by questmakes no difference, he is absolute- ioning the acts of union officials who

ly, unqualifiedly and wickedly dis- have respect and confidence of the honest. How do I know? Have man who toils, for if argument and our advisers not told us so and 1s it education will not win, then we are lost. As for us of the west, if the Mon-And that wicked fellow, John Mitchell has had the temerity to tana News is supported as it should

take hold of the U. M. W. of A. be by all unions as the only paper when it had but 8,000 members and that reflects the workingman's side, when coal miners "working every under all circumstances and its pol day" found it necessary to keep icy of defending labor is upheld, it committees in various parts of the will bring into being socialists who the circular sent out by the social- product of your toil in exchange for country begging for food and cloth- are builders; socialists who will nevists of Fridley and act favorably on the opportunity to earn a bare liv- ing. Mitchell's crime lies in the er be complaining and discouraged ing. By voting a capitalist ticket, fact that he is leaving us with over with labor organizations; socialists the republican and democratic tick- three hundred thousand miners in whose utterances will not cause the to all locals of the Socialist Party in et, you have extended to the capi- the U. M. W. of A. and our condi- trade unionist who does not underlalists the privilege of exploiting you tions bettered one hundred per cent. stand socialism, to think that he is Of course, the millions of the A. listening to a disciple of Parry or F. of L. are wrong and the thirty or Post.

So let our friends and comrades who believe in socialism or a differ- ic may be wrong.

I just speak this way because all ent form of unionism hold their popularly managed, that exploita- W. F. of M. men endeavor to bur- peace, the labor movement has man- you may not live to see the social retion shall thereby be banished from den older organizations with a aged to struggle onward and up- volution, spit out that mouthful of the earth, and the workers shall charge of investigating all the d ffer- ward for these many years, it has of class conscious, revolutionary

Arguing along the same lines as and the men, the leaders, who you the rank and file, cut out that ecstaour fellow unionists of the W. F. of now attack, in the days when it tic, heavenly look, that gives the

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took courage to belong to a union world the impression that one must and a something that we cannot understand in our day, to become an knowledge to understand socialism officer or organizer for these now powerful organizations, these men were then making it possible for some of us latter day advisers and directors to advocate our now radical ideas.

labor takes another forward step, it will be toward socialism.

So don't lie awake nights in an agony of doubt or suspicion, perhaps labor may be right in its slow, Socialist Party before we attempt to ponderous method of building the re-organize the labor movement.

foundation for a more beautiful world on bedrock and there is a possible chance that you, dear crit-

Don't worry, it shortens life and with very little cost to the Socialists thereby secure the full product of ences between the two organizations done so under the most discourage phrases that you think is superior

have possession of superhuman or your ideas on organized labor.

THE NEWS

Tarry yet with us and what is lacking will some day be all right, if your active mind must have something to do, induce your neighbor to subscribe for the Montana News, If the socialist builds well, when the News will do the rest and all the worry and working out of minute details will be off your responsible shoulders.

In fact, let us first organize the

A. G. MORGAN of the U. M. W. of A.

Dr. GEO. H. TAYLOR. DENTIST

Cor. Grand & Jackson St. Opp. Telephone Exchange Helena,

Montana

JOIN THE PARTY

ing and distressing circumstances wisdom, come down on earth with

MONTANA NEWS, HELENA, MONTANA.

THE SKATERS.

The winter sus had sunk to rest Beyond the glowing flery west: And Night, her evening shades let fall, On frosty vale and mountain wall

But deeper fell the shadows still. In sheltered cove on yon high hill: Where with many a bend and crook. Lay frozen o'er a meadow brook.

On its stern bank the bushes stood, And farther back a belt of wood. To light the fettered earth alone, The faithful stars in brightness shon

And through the night, the skaters gay. To the lone brookside made their way; With merry shout and gleefnl song. The happy young folks sped along.

Across the glistening ice they bent. Their light hearts filled with sweet content Their cheery voices loud and clear. Rang out upon the cold night air.

The fire of driftwood sparkled bright And, to the scene lent warmth and light, Until the embers crumbling low. Sent out a dull and duller glow.

The joyous skaters paused at last, And o'er the homeward road they passed ; Each feeling that this evening spent, A stronger tie to friendship lent. DELLA WILSON NICHOL

IDAHO NOTES.

State Headquarters Socialist Party

Emmett, Ida., Feb. 2 Comrades: -Note the following from the Weekly Bulletin; National Constitution, Section 5

Article 10. The railroad fare of the delegates

going to and coming from the convention shall be paid from the Na tional treasury, and such expenses shall be raised by a per capita assessment on the entire membership.

In accordance with the above, National Committee motions No. 21 and 25, 1907, provides for one assessment of 35c to be levied upon each member of the party, the same to be paid during the months of February and March.

The special assessment stamps have been shipped in bulk to the respective state secretaries.

We have received the special stamps and will send them to locals on receipt of cash order. Kindly state the amount sent for the special stamps and be prompt in ordering.

Please note, the unused stamps must be returned to the National offie about April 1, so be quick or you will be late.

Nominations for delegates to the National convention are now in order and must reach state headquar ters on or before March 3, 1908. THOS. J. COONROD,

State Sec'y-Treas.



The Liberal party, which controls The fourteen leading candidates the British parliament, is losing its for members of the National Exegrip. The Socialist and Labor memcutive Committee, resulting from bers are encouraged at the result of the National party referendum upon their first tussle with the government which the ballots were counted Feb. is supported by the very small ma-10, are here listed in the order of jority of 49. The vote was taken their vote. The first seven were after many speeches on a labor elected: Victor L. Berger, 5,004; A. amendment, regarding which the M. Simons, 4,080; John M. Work, king said, in iew of the lack of em-3,852; Morris Hillquit, 3,824; A. ployment in the county, the govern-H. Floaten, 3,719; Carl D. Thompment could not recommend that it son, 2,578; J. G. Phelps-Stokes, 2.be passed. The Irish members, most 526: Jas. F. Carey, 2,326; Jos. M. of the unionists and a few radicals Patterson, 2,312; John Spargo, 2,joined the Socialists and Laborites, 250; Arthur M. Lewis, 2,006; Chas. with the result that the amendment H. Kerr, 1,882; Lena M. Lewis, 1,was defeated by a vote of only 195 781; Herman F. Titus, 1,669. to 146.

Four active socialists in the Brit-

ish Columbia Legislature have been

putting forth efforts to unseat Lieu-

tenant Gov. James Dunsmuir, a blue

blooded coal baron who is using his

power in the body for his own busi-

ness interests. Dunsmuir is charged

with having contracted the Canadi-

an-Nippon Co. for 500 Japanese

coolies to work in his mines. A

surprise was also sprung on the leg-

islature when the lieutenant govern-

created consternation in the ranks

of the old party politicians. They

are offering to nominate prominent

union men for office, but the union-

ists refuse to play the part of decoy

ducks. Inslead they are building

up the socialist party and giving no-

tice that when they are elected it

will be upon straight out labor

The Russian Police

The Russian police are very ac-

tive in almost every country in Eu-

rope. Both in France and in Ger-

many the report is spread that an

anarchist has been arrested. On in-

quiry, however, it is found that an-

even if it is cold up there.

Vote for National Secretary J. Mahlon Barnes, 8,825, elected;

Herman F. Titus, 1,293: Murray Youtz, 394; J. W. Catley, 312; John Hinchcliff, 236; James Slanker 173, A supplement to the February Issue of the Official Monthly Bulletin will contain a complete tabulation of the vote as reported by state secretaries, returns from unorganized states and members at large.

Motion No. 13

or delivered "his speech from the "In order that the American so throne." It is customary for all cialist movement may fittingly com present to rise at this point, but the memorate the life, labor and death socialists remained seated throughof Karl Marx, I move that March out the pompous occasion. Warm 14, 1908, be designated as a memor times are ahead in British Columbia ial day to our departed comrade: and, that all locals of the socialist party be urged to hold memorial The action of the recent trade meetings upon that date, commemunion convention in Calgary, in orating the growth of Marxian Sociwhich it was voted that organized alism and development of the Socilabor of the province of Alberta alist movement, since the death of would affiliate with the socialist, has

Letter of Comrade Hillquit

the greatest economist known to the

modern world."

Dear Comrade Barnes:-I notice from your last Weekly Bulletin that Comrade King in commenting on his motion for the election of a special committee of seven to confer with the similar committee from the S. L. P., assumes that I have personal grievance against the S. L. P. and that I am opposed to a union of the two parties. Personally I do not care in the least whether the committee to be elected by our party be the National Executive com-

mittee or an independent committee.

mmmmmmm All communications for this depart ment should be addressed to Jessie M Myer, Editor.

The Chinese have no welcome for the birth of a female child. It never receives the care and attention accorded to the male progeny. As it grows up, it is continually taught that it is an inferior creature. Etiquette demands of it, perfect servility and self renunciation, when in the presence of the male sex.

A man's fortieth birthday is hailed with big demonstrations in China. On the occasion of such a demonstration on the fortieth birthday of the head of an American family living there, the wife and little girls are required to retire, according to custom. They slip quietly away up stairs. Soon the merry making, eating and drinking are at their height. The head men of the town are there. The biggest official sends his servant up to the wife with his respects. She answers according to requirement "I am a woman, I am not worthy," which message the servant carries back. Then another and another of the town's consequential men send their servants up to her with respects. Each time she is to return the compliments paid her with the answer "I am a woman, I am not worthy." She not only bears this humiliation, but she gets no part of the feast either.

* * I know a family in the mountains who keep a road-house distant from all other settlement. About the only people they see are the travelers. Most of the information they get from the outer world is conveyed to them through this one source. Yet the husbands forbids the wife conversing with this miscellaneous element who go and come, on the plea that she will cheapen herself.

The result is that she is a miserable, cowed dependent. Her judgment is never consulted. She isn't expected to have any opinion worth consulting. She is the victim of any kind of construction her husband chooses to place upon what he sees fit to communicate to her. Poor soul, she doesn't wish to cheapen herself (whatever that means) so she grows more stupid, more out of touch with the world about her; and at the same time less capable of be-



Socialists Just Can't You

You haven't got the organization to win, and that's a fact.

When you sap the resources of the enemy by making Socialists and party members of working men who now support capitalism you will have some chance.

Dreamers, rightly named, are those who give no thought to organization, and imagine the enemy will fall before their individual knowledge and effort.

The Socialist Party started the last Presidential campaign with 15,975 members, made some noise, and had 409,230 Socialist votes counted.

The party membership now numbers about 30,000; it can be made 40,000 before the end of the year. If the vote in the next campaign is proportioned, as previously, to the membership, America will take her rightful place in the international procession and STAND A MILLION STRONG.

Are you a member? If not, then do something worth while, join the party and have the President of the United States talking about you in his next speech. Here is an application blank. Below you will find your State Secretary. Do it now; today.

ication for Membership in th

Women's Clubs

with \$1.25 donation. Who is next?

Comrade G. T. Potter of Challis asked for information how to form a local. He got it.

County Committee S. P. of Kootenai county meets at Coeur d'Alene February 29, 1908.

down and will delay repotrs some. How about getting a new one? How much did you say?

Local Lewiston gets in with January dues and orders fifty application cards and 25 red cards. Somein your "neck of the woods."

If you are not a subscriber to Montana News. Get in now or you will miss much this year. Keep posted on the movement locally and nationally. Idaho will be heard nary capitalist press, but little heed from through the News.

writes: "I saw your Appeal in the against their feudal oppressors. Not to get them even to pay their dues." Comrades, is that socialism? Is tion heavily increased. that co-operation? Do not expect your secretary to do all the cooperating.

The National Committee has levied 35c assessment upon each member of the party to pay railroad fare laborers, are thus excluded from the of delegates to the National con- electorate. vention, the same to be paid during (35c) at once through your local. styled "the Frenchmen of the Oristamps in it.

other Russian has been tracked by Local Bonners Ferry gets to bat the police, and is ordered to be deported to his own couhtry.

On Saturday, in Geneva, two Russians-Schenansko and Karpinski-were arrested at half-past eleven in a little printing offie. They wrote

principles.

to a solicitor to induce him to take their case in hand, but the cantonal authorities refused to allow the solicitor to see his prospective cli-The borrowed typewriter broke ents. How ready are even the

rulers of a middle-class democracy to do the dirty work of the autocrat.

The old age pension scheme takes effect in France the coming year. Already the capitalist politicians predict that the country will go to thing doing there. What is doing ruin if the old workers are assisted and prevented from starving to death.

The Persian Peasant

Much has been written about the new Persian democracy in the ordihas been taken of the complete omission of the peasantry in the aew One of our best local secretaries "liberties" won by the middle-class

Montana News and will try to stir only have the peasantry no kind of them up. I have a h--- of a time representation in the gew government, but they have had their taxa-

> As a matter of fact, a property qualification for the voter amounting to a possession of 200 pounds capital, is demanded, and the great

majority of the working artisan population, as well as the agriculturist

The discontent of the populace is the months of February and March. therefore growing, and disturbances Send in order for the special stamp are frequent. Persians have been Your red book will look better when ent." It would seem as if events you get one of those beautiful would establish their riget to the title.

But in order that my position on this important question may not be misunderstood, I wish to state that

I am fully in favor of the contemplated unification of the two parties, lines. provided that no conditions involving a change in our party principles or tactics attach to the proposed union, and that the comrades of the S. L. P: are willing to consolidate with us upon the general basis of principles and tactics established by the International Socialist movement, leaving the concrete issues and details to be formulated by a

joint National convention, in which the comrades of the S. L. P. shall be entitled to the same proportionate representation as the members of our party.

The state convention of New Jersey will be held at Elizabeth, May 30-31. The following were elected delegates to the National convention by the state organization of New Jersey: Fred Krafft, G. H. Headley, J. M. Reilley, H. R. Kearns, Geo. H. Goebel, W. B. Hillingbeck M. F. Fackert.

IDAHO NOTES

Frank James of Local Russell sends in monthly report for January on time and writes: "I am propped up in bed while writing this report." Nothing more need be said, he is one of the faithful.

We expect Comrade John M. Work to confine his dates to southern and eastern Idaho. All desiring dates should write me at once. Some other national speaker will make north Idaho later.

FOR SALE

Singer sewing machine. Almost cleaner people are physically, the new; will sell cheap. Enquire at healthier they are mentally, and the Montana News, Office 15 North purer they are morally .- May Wal-Park Avenue, Helena, Mont.

ing an intelligent helpmate-but a very useful slave. It would cheapen most any kind of a slave to get information along certain obvious

I have received the following note signed "Spartacus", Butte, Mont.: "Dear Madam :- With your ideas as to what constitutes true queenliness, I am in perfect accord. A wide acquaintance with men assures me that there can be no complete emancipation of man, without the emancipation of woman also. The mind of the babe unborn is tainted with the servility of its mother. And so, to adapt the words of Abraham Lincoln, society cannot permanently endure, half slave and half free. The men who flatter the women into imbecility, are on a par with the preachers, who advice their flock to

be patient, and not to rebel against terrestrial tyrannies, but to bank on a reward after they are dead and gone. I sometime wonder whether, if Rockefeller's ticket gets him through the pearly gates, Chancellor Day, will not be there also, to preach humility to the millions, while John D. gets a corner on the street franchise and the choir books.

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Under socialism when men and women elected to office look faithfully to their duties instead of squandering the public money as is done now under capitalism, there will be put into use systems of engineering and scientific and economical methods for disposing of waste matter, so that this poisoning of our lake and river water used for household purpose may be abolished....

We must have sound bodies before we can have sound minds, and the

den Kerr.

SOCIALIST PARTY.

I, the undersigned, recognizing the class struggle between the capitalist class and the working class, and the necessary of the working class constituting themselves into a political party, distinct from and opposite to all parties formed by the propertied classes, nereby declare that I have severed my relations with all other parties; that I endorse the platform and constitution of the SOCIALIST PARTY, and hereby apply for admission to membership in said party.

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Speaking of Presidents, gather in the members, and we comrades will elect one of our very own. Every new party member brings nearer the day of deliverance.

The tools required for the job are a Red Card for vourself and membership application blank for your friend and fellow worker. Easy, isn't it? Well, that's the way to win.

I. MAHLON BARNES, National Secretary 269 Dearborn Street, Chica

MONTANA NEWS, HELENA, MONTANA.

State Department V

A CALL FOR ACTION.

Local Fridley asks all locals interested in the welfare of socialism in Montana, to co-operate with them in giving some popular entertainment March 17th 1908, for the benefit of the News and the state organization. Let every one do their best. Correspondence solicited. EVA M. WELLS, Sec'y., Fridley, Mont.

\$1.000 can be raised by the above method for the purpose of putting our organization in shape to carry on the fight.

Here is your target, \$1,000. Can you hit the mark?

Comrade Thompson, member-atlarge, sends in his dues for one year.

Local Ovando \$3.60 for due stamps and orders a bunch of red cards and application blanks.

Local Butte sends \$3.45 to be ap plied on state organizing work Butte is on the firing line these days.

Local Livingston has appointed a committee to make arrangements for a grand entertainment March 17 for the benefit of the state organization.

Requests for organizing material continue to come in by each mail; everything points to a great increase in the party membership.

Local Chimney Rock down in the Trail Creek country sends in for 14 more due stamps to accomodate their new members.

Two locals organized last week, making three new locals so far this month, with prospects of two more being organized before the month is out.

Comrade Goodson of Stevens" ville sends in \$7.50 for campaign purposes. This money was derived from the sale of ferrets, lately advertised in the News.

Five dollars due stamps from Local Missoula and a report from Comrade Chunning that some activity is becoming apparent among the work-

Mabie's Report Mabie sends in the following report for the week:

We organized at Dillon with 12 members. Found a good bunch of comrades here and there is material for a good strong local. On the way back dropped off at Silver Bow

and found half a dozen comrades there who wanted to join the army and all it needed was some one to get a time and meeting place. It is encouraging to see how the socialist no visible means of support; and spirit is growing. Time was when you were not always sure of a cordial reception when you dropped off in a strange town. Now you are greeted with a warm hand-shake

that you are welcome. There is a light of the future on the faces of the comrades and a look in their eyes that tells of a determination to revolutionize the world. The heart

of the world is growing warmer and the red flag stirs the blood of a common humanity

Saturday night I went up to the Finnish Local. It always does one good to go there and see the enthusiasm and the business like way in which they conduct their meetings. There were nearly a hundred present and as usual a good percentage of them were women. Coffee and doughnuts or coffee cake is al" ways served in the dining room adjoining the hall and is a substantial aid in meeting expenses.

Sunday night went to meeting of Local No. 1. Here too we had a fine meeting with a number of visitors present and some lively discussions. Under "Good and Wel fare" "the Question Box" was put in use. This was the first time I had ever been in a local where the question box was used and for the benefit of some of the locals where it is not used I want to describe it.

Donald Fraser of Rexford is another new recruit from Flathead county. Donald sends in one dollar for compaign purposes and wants to know why we do not send a speaker to his territory.

Mrs. Nevils from Great Falls as follows: Local Great Falls and the Women's club are making arrangements to give an entertainment some time during March, on the 17th or near that date, for the benefit of the Montana News. We hope other locals will also join with the request of Fridley Local and do what they can for the News. The Mutual improvement Club of Great Falls is giving an entertainment once a month for the benefit of the cause, which they would like published in

the News.

Wisconsin Notes

The Social-Democratic aldermen at the last meeting of the Milwaukee City Council introduced two measures for the relief of the unemployed. in addition to the measures for their employment which are already pending. The resolution introduced by Comrade Melms is as follows:-

Whereas, there are in existence laws which make it a misdemeanor to be without employment or have line. Whereas, the present industrial crisis has reached a situation under which thousands of our fellow citias they may, and,

Whereas, these fellow citizens, the working class, are in no wise responsible for the present conditions, and yet under the law can be punished for lacking the means of support, therefore,

Resolved, that from and after this date and until further notice, all vag- party in the state. rancy laws be and they hereby are suspended." Comrade Buech introduced the other resolution :-

Whereas, a great deal of suffering is now forced upon the many working people in this city, because the grafters to the ballot box. of the lack of employment due to the destitution, therefore,

Resolved that the Board of Public Works be and hereby is empowered to secure the use of suitable buildings of a sufficient number and to equip the same as free municipal lodg ist should become active. ing houses for a period of not less than one year, under suitable and

Fort Scott, Kan., Feb. 17.-Judge Polloch of the United States District court overruled the motion to dismiss the case against Fred Warren, managing editor of the Appeal to Reason, charged with circulating scurrilous and seditious literature through the mails.

LES MAJESTE IN KANSAS.

The offense Warren is charged with, consists of printing a cartoon of Roosevelt: the particular offense being that it was so displayed on the Appeal to Reason that it could be seen while being transmitted in the mail, although had it been printed in the inside pages there would have been no violntion of the law. When Warren was arrested the government attorneys would give him no information as to what the 116-120 Broadway charges against him were. It was thought at the time that the article of Debs entitled 'Arouse ye Slaves', was the basis of Warren's arrest, but

the great sentiment created by the Western Federation cases aroused so interest throughout the country, seems to have caused the government officials to change their basis of prosecution. The case has been set for trial some time during May.

UTAH NOTES

The socialists of Utah are awakening to the need of organization. J. M. Work is doing great work throughout the state in re-organizing the locals, so far he has succeeded in getting ten locals back in

Bishop Spaulding of Salt Lake delivered a lecture on socialism at Vemal, Utah, which left a great impression on the people there.

Rev. Lewis Duncan of Butte will zens are unable to get work, strive lecture on socialism in Ogden March Mr. Duncan is a great favorand.

ite with the union men of Montana and a splendid orator. Every union man in Ogden should make it a special point to be present at this meeting.

Wm. Thurston Brown is now open for dates in Utah and the state organization is going to take advantage of his services to build up the

> Graftology in Idaho. (Continued from Page 1.)

Let the working class of Idaho wake up and carry the fight against

Elect Socialists to the legislature industrial crisis, many of whom are ond when the time arrives to approrendered helpless, and reduced to priate money to pay the deficiency warrant there will be something do-

> ing in Boise, when the militant socialists take the floor in opposition to the bills. Great opportunities belong to the working class of Idaho, every social-



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to Help Repair the Bottom of the Full Dinner Pail. Apply between the Hours of 6 A. M. and 6 P. M. at Your Veting Places the first Tuesday in November 1908.

Yours H. P. N.

Comrade Grow of Eureka is the latest recruit to our ranks. A very interesting letter was received from him lately, in which he makes it known to us that speakers are needed in that part of the state.

Granite County desires a speaker for one week or ten days. This is fhe first call for a speaker from that part of the state and Socialist speakers have never invaded that county per, reads the question and answers as yet. This will show to what ex tent, the demand for active work is being made upon us.

Local Butte offers an amendment to the state constitution, by striking out the word fifteen and inserting twenty-five in Article one Section four.

This means an increase in the per capita tax to the state organization of ten cents' making the state dues locals before it can be put to a ref- ton. erendum.

Slips of paper are passed around and each member writes a question and drops it in the hat or box as it it passed. Then beginning with the chairman, each member in turn goes to the box, takes out a slip of pa-

it. This brings out discussion and makes the meeting interesting. Try it comrades. Butte comrades are taking active steps in preparing for the spring elections.

One hundred and forty-four due stamps for new members were sent out this week.

Comrade Simpson orders application blanks and red cards and intwenty-five cents instead of fifteen forms us that there is a great deas at present. The amendment will mand for application blanks since ter. In company with two other require to be endorsed by two other Comrade Buzzell spoke in Livings- Social-Democratic officials he quiet-

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proper regulations, to be approved by this council, and,

Resolved, that said municiple lodg ing houses shall be equiped to furnish daily a bed and a simple but substantial breakfast and supper and and also a bath free of charge to all those who may apply for same." Both these resolutions were greet-

ed by loud and derisive laughter by some old party aldermen to whom the sufferings of the unemployed are simply a matter of jest.

But when the votes are counted next election day, they may find the the subject more serious.

Some of the old party aldermen of Milwaukee roared with laughter when Ald. Buech (Social-Democrat) introduced a resolution demanding a free municipal lodging house, where the unemployed should be given 'a bed, a simple but substantial breakfast, a supper and a bath." But Comrade Buech did not look upon the subject as a laughing matly set out on a ound of investigation of the cheap lodging houses of Milwaukee. He found the most awful conditions in these houses. They are filthy, without the least pretense of ventilation, and the men who seek their shelter are obliged to huddle together on the floor like cattle. It is the opinion of Comrade Buech that more diseases and especially more tuberculosis, is bred in these dens than anywhere else in the city. He and the others who wit: essed these horrors will make a strong report tomorrow before the judiciary committee, to which was reterred his municipal lodging house project.

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