

SPECIAL ELECTION EDITION

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SPRING MUNICIPAL CAMPAIGN

Bold Violation Of State Law

BRUTAL OUTRAGES ON THE WORKING CLASS

By Old Party Councilmen—Deeds of Darkness by Franchise Grabbers—Workers Ignored, Murdered and Insulted by Misrepresentatives of People

VOTE FOR WHAT YOU WANT

J. Henry Longmaid, republican alderman, has got a spasm of virtue and refuses to support the Edwards ticket as being too foul smelling even for him. He is endorsing the democratic moral, closed-town, greatest-aggregation-of-virtues-under-one-tent barn floor platform. This makes him a zealous advocate of the seventh plank, the eight-hour law demand for municipal work.

To show how consistent and severe he is in his burning demands for the working class there are some items connected with the history of Mr. Longmaid as an employer of labor that will probably prove interesting to the voters whom he hopes to influence.

Mr. Longmaid, it was discovered by the trades unions, was violating the eight-hour law on his properties at Elkhorn in Jefferson county, and working his men around the mines and mills over eight hours.

J. C. Lowney, member of the national executive board of the Western Federation of Miners, instituted an investigation of the situation but could arrive at no satisfactory settlement with Longmaid. He consequently proceeded to Boulder and swore out a warrant in the office of the county attorney. So the advocate of law, order and good government in Helena is to be brought to trial in Jefferson county for violating the law, with the penalty of a jail sentence and heavy fine.

Working men, get wise to your advisers.

Left Men to Die.

J. V. Weber, candidate for alderman in the Sixth Ward on the democratic ticket, is another bidder for the voices of the working men to boost him into a place where he can control them and their destinies. He certainly has his unadulterated and glit-edge gall to venture before the public with the idea of getting favors from working men.

This is the man, who some years ago, was engineer on a mine at Basin when fire broke out in the mine.

Instead of remaining at his post till the men were rescued from their living

tomb, he abandoned his engine like the criminal coward that he was, and left the helpless men under ground to their fate. The result is a matter of record in the black history of labor in Montana—a number of industry's heroes became the victims of industrial brutality—murdered in the mine.

And now this deserter of his class asks the working class which he has wronged to boost him into a position to rule over them.

Let Weber remember that you can't fool all the working people all the time. The graves of the lonely dead cry through the ages against the betrayers of the lives and the hopes of those that toil.

The working man will yet know that that mighty ballot is the key to his industrial freedom.

Hypocrites in the Council.

As an illustration of how much the members of the council, both republicans and democrats, respect the eight-hour law, the city scavengers are at this time working from ten to twelve hours a day, in violation of the state law. Much these people care for labor, and much they care for law and order.

Gigantic Violation of Democracy.

The present old party council, not a socialist in it, accomplished one of the most gigantic perversions of the fundamentals of democratic government that could well be imagined under a so-called popular government. Last summer it unanimously gave away a twenty years' franchise to the gas company. It was sneaked through the council and carefully kept out of the papers so that the people of Helena have been kept in ignorance of the villainous fraud that was perpetrated upon them.

The franchise gives the gas company, in other words, the Standard Oil, the exclusive right to the streets and alleys of Helena for twenty years. In other words, these thieving capitalist scoundrels have given the Rockefeller Standard Oil interests the right to plunder Helena for twenty years, give poor service, charge outrageous prices

for what little light we have, and make it impossible for the working class to have light in their homes.

Helena pays two dollars a thousand for light, whereas David Starr Jordan said in his lecture that the dams being made in this vicinity, made Helena the finest electrically equipped city in the world. But no benefit from such a fact do the workers receive when capitalist politicians run the city council.

According to the statistics of Frank Parsons, professor in the university of Boston, and the greatest authority on municipal figures in the world, gas could be furnished for Helena at 85 cents a thousand and a profit of ten per cent be made on the investment.

Defy State Laws.

The act of the council was a direct and flagrant violation of the state law of Montana, which expressly provides that all franchises must be submitted to the vote of the people before they can be passed upon at all. The whole miserable transaction is null and void whenever the socialists get ready to touch.

The people are the only ones who can give a franchise away. Alderman Swartz protested against the illegality claiming the matter should be submitted to the people.

Attorney Counsels Against Law.

William Wallace, attorney for the Northern Pacific, appeared as advocate for the gas company, or in other words, Standard Oil, and convinced the council that the rabble should not be consulted.

A short time previous to this a delegation of representatives of Standard Oil magnates arrived in Helena from New York. They wined, dined and banqueted Mayor Lindsay and some of the members of the council, and presto! like a temple of magic, a bonanza of millions of dollars is given away, to build fairy palaces in New York City while the workers of Helena remain in the darkness of proletarian night.

If there were a moral it might read like this: How corporations buy little city councils.

where it takes men that know something to do things.

Helena Demonstrates.

Helena has a most beautiful demonstration of this state of things. Fred Benson was appointed alderman in the sixth ward in the place of Condon who resigned. Benson was appointed by the republicans of the council. He is of the firm of the Benson, Carpenter company that takes contracts for teaming.

Alderman Walker is his colleague from the sixth ward. When this ward voted on the bond issue for improvements, the question carried by 189 to 8 in the affirmative.

When the question of doing the practical work to push the improvements came up in the council, both of the fine-haired republican aldermen of the ward voted against it.

No Voice in Government.

How do you like that, you poor, plain, helpless, voiceless people? Have you anything to say about how

A Class Candidate Working Class Politics

Frank Edwards, the perennial candidate, comes up smiling, with his achievements of the past upon him to again solicit the votes of those who think they are republicans in Helena. There is no doubt that Edwards has made an ideal official for his class, the big propertied and monied class of Helena. All his historic schemes of frenzied finance have been according to the ideals and the cherished traditions of his class. Those that want the city run in that way, for profit and grandeur and opportunity for the few, and hard work, and unemployment and suffering for the many, can vote logically only vote for Frank Edwards.

Besides, Frank is pretty, he has a nice skin, perhaps he shaves every day, and he doesn't carry a dinner pail on the street when he goes to work.

He's got the smile that won't come off—hunting jobs takes it off of most of the men that have to work. Moreover, he even claims to be something of a progressive, even called himself a socialist, we believe, at one time—whether Fabian, Bismarckian or Christian record sayeth not. And it is averred that his promises and smiles were as bland as Chicago Dunne's or the heathen Chinese's during one of his interregnums, in regard to city ownership.

The matter of his being the star whiskey, slum and saloon candidate need disturb no one. They can at least not charge him and his support with the vice of hypocrisy. The Helena republican party knows as well as you and I and every one else that it is the social evils that pay commercially, David Starr Jordan, notwithstanding. It is the saloon men that make the money, more money is made at prostitution than washing dishes, the dishonest merchant that adulterates skillfully, makes more than the honest one, the big thieves of the country are our millionaires—it is only once in a while for the sake of "public morals" that one gets railroaded to the pen—it is the road agents of the early days that have formed most of the big guns of Helena.

Money, money, money, that is the only criterion, and Frank is able to hand it to you on a silver platter—that is if you belong to his crowd.

Why shouldn't he be mayor of Helena?

this city's run or not?

What good do your votes do?

Are your wishes considered by these criminal shirkers who listen to the voice of the propertied taxpayers instead of the voice of the human beings who have to live in the ward and who are guaranteed a voice in government according to the organic law of the land? Is this city run only for the taxpayers?

Compel Two Classes.

Ignorant and misguided society compels two classes to exist in the ward. It insists that the holding of private property is right. Private property has gobbled everything that the others have made. Hence there is no one to pay the bills for improvements but the private property owners.

Now, because they own everything that the workers have made are we to be kept in primitive and degrading barbarism so far as city improvements are concerned because the property owners won't cough up enough to pay the bill?

Perjured Aldermen.

Those perjured aldermen are voting to protect those property owners at the expense of those straining and enduring working men in that ward.

The only reason Walker gave for voting as he did, was that he "was tired of the water question."

Ah, yes, he's tired of the water question! He don't care how many working men die of typhoid fever from an inadequate and filthy water supply. He don't care how many babies of the working class are laid under the sod because of the disease germs that he

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Vote for
Socialist
Mayor in
Helena

Combat
Government
by
Injunction

JAMES TAYLOR Candidate of the Socialist Party for Mayor of Helena

James Taylor, candidate for mayor on the Socialist ticket, is a standard bearer for the ultimate freedom of the working class from working for others, that every man who works in Helena may have pride and confidence in trying to put into the chief office in the city. Mr. Taylor has the confidence of the working class of Helena, and holds the position of president of the Western Federation of Miners.

He was born in Bedford, Mass., in 1846. With the fate of the majority of children of poor parents, he never went to school after he was nine years of age, but had to go to work instead. His father moved to a farm in Colorado and the young lad grew up inured to hard work and the scarcity of schools on the frontier.

At 17 years he went to northern Michigan and worked in the copper mines and at other labor there and in Wisconsin.

He was with the party that discovered the famous Calumet and Hecla mines. He afterwards worked in the lumber industry of the upper Wisconsin river.

In the spring of 1869 he went to Duluth, Minn., and afterwards followed the line of the Northern Pacific to Brainerd. It was while working for a farmer and freighter in this vicinity that he first met Peter Larsen, the late Helena millionaire, who remained a life long friend of Mr. Taylor.

Taylor was on his way to Little Falls with freight for the government agency. The two men met at Fort Ripley and went to Leach Lake together. Mr. Larsen at that time had a little pair of mules about as big as dogs but the report goes that he owned them.

Again the star of Comrade Taylor's fate took its way westward, and in 1877 he came to Bismarck, North Dakota, where he worked for the traders

around Fort Stevenson. Moving along the line of the Northern Pacific he came to Glendive, Montana, in 1880, and it was here that he married and his oldest two children were born. He was deputy sheriff here for two years, when Dawson county was attached to Custer. In 1882 he was made the sheriff of Dawson county, elected on the People's ticket—a good record for a socialist.

After a period of political life he came to Great Falls, still ahead of the railroad and ran a restaurant there in 1886. The next year he came to Helena, and has remained there and in vicinity ever since. He worked in the mines at Marysville, was foreman on the first sewer system ever in Helena, and superintended the water and sewage and the excavations for the Broadwater Hotel.

Since then he has worked as a stationary engineer here and in surrounding camps. He belonged to the first sections of organized labor in the town, was a charter member of the Teamsters' and Drivers' Union No. 177, and has been connected with organized labor ever since, a member of the Federal union, and is now serving his second term as president of the Western Federation of Miners at this point.

Mr. Taylor owns his own home in the Ming addition. His family consists of three girls and four boys, one boy being drowned at sea five years ago.

He has always been much interested in the conditions of education for the young and has given his family the advantages of good schooling.

He is an active worker for anything that will benefit the class that do the world's work, and it was these considerations that made him a socialist.

Men like James Taylor are the only ones that self-respecting men can afford to vote for. A city government by men like these under the socialist program would give joy and assurance of life and comfort to all its dwellers.

To the Voters of Livingston

As a municipal election will be held in the City of Livingston, April 6th, 1908, we call upon the working men of this city to unite for the purpose of electing candidates who will serve the interests of the working class. In the next year or two, the working class will need representatives in office more than ever, who will represent their interests.

The bubble of so-called prosperity has burst under the republican administration of Theodore Roosevelt even as it did under Grover Cleveland and the working class is face to face with

another period of depression, which has paralyzed industry, throwing hundreds of thousands of men out of employment through no fault of their own, leaving them and their families to suffer, which has demonstrated the utter incapacity of the old parties to conduct affairs that will bring prosperity to the masses. Therefore we appeal to the working class to unite at the ballot box where their strength is most felt to protest against this damnable system of destruction which has

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Defies Will of the People Sixth Ward Aldermen Ignore Mandate of Voters and Refuse Pure Water to Working Class

Our present elective system for conducting government is the most absurd burlesque on any conception of democracy that could be imagined.

It is a rodding farce, a bullyrag imitation, an insult to civilization, a spit in the face of the vast mass of so-

ciety, a degrading kick on the buttocks of labor.

Knaves and fools run our society, our conditions of life, our very health necessities.

We are kept in ignorance, disease, poverty, pauperism, because ignoramuses put ignoramuses in the places

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DO IT NOW.

It can no longer be said that Socialism is an insignificant and unknown factor in American politics today. All politicians are discussing the probable strength of the Socialist element and the unavoidable conclusion that it must be reckoned with on the political field from henceforth.

The Socialist Party itself at the present time has 37,000 dues paying members and a recorded vote of half a million. The probabilities are that this vote will be doubled at the next election.

The working class everywhere are disgusted and confused by the rank decisions of the courts against labor, and the stringent measures passed against them in the legislatures. Even the imitative and easily flattered befuddled brain of the American working man is experiencing a sensation of mental nausea as he begins to realize how much of a nothing he is where affairs of government are concerned. The ballot is a working man's weapon wrenched from the conquest of the ages. He at least does not have to use it to perpetuate the degrading situation in which he finds himself as a social member.

Every election is an additional opportunity for him to stiffen his backbone, get his hand on the throttle and serve notice to the capitalists that he is going to work for a way of doing things that he can control.

The strength of the Socialist Party method lies in the will of the constituency being always where it can control the situation. This, all political plans run by the capitalists have artfully succeeded in removing from the voters.

It is only a pretense that working men, 80 per cent of the population, control government under any party engineered as all parties are in this country except the socialist party. They can have no hand in the making of platforms, the selection of candidates, the compiling of returns, the control of an official after he is elected or the ejection of him for failure to operate the popular will, or the passage of laws and measures that they wish passed. Any form of government operating with these disabilities is the government of a few and not of the mass.

In other words it is the government of the economic exploiter against the man who work for him.

The Socialist Party carries the means of full working class control as enumerated above.

The city elections are upon us in Montana. In almost every incorporated town the Socialists have tickets up. A vote for the Socialist candidates is not only a vote for these men to run city affairs, but it is a vote for the method of running government that the Socialists approve and advocate; a purely democratic, popular form of government, where the working class can administer all social functions in their own interest.

A policy like this carried to its logical conclusion means the establishment of all social arrangements necessary to the health, comfort, education, and refined and artistic pleasure of the mass at the expense of those that are taxed for the public benefit, and ultimately the conduct of all industry so as to conform to the utmost benefit for the workers therein.

Surely no working voter can wish for a better program. Leave the angles where you are murdered with your own consent, and come with us to labor for the light and civilization of the world.

POPULAR CONFIDENCE

Teddy's rhinoceros epidermis of capitalism has evidently been pierced

by the fierce shafts of criticism hurled against federal injunctions by the labor interests in Montana. His special message devotes a paragraph to the injunction business. He and his pals are evidently wriggling on a seat that is decorated with cactus thorns. The "popular voice" has penetrated the official capitalistic sanctum sanctorum, and the strenuous club wielder says, "It is worth considering whether it would not give greater popular confidence in the impartiality of sentences for contempt if it was required that the issues should be decided by another judge than the one issuing the injunction."

Yes, Teddy, it would give more popular confidence. It would give still more if you would appoint a federal judge that wouldn't butt in to labor matters where the contest was on between employer and employed, on the side of the capitalist. Labor contests are economic matters. Let the parties fight out their own battles without all of your monopoly of government always deciding against the labor side of the controversy.

It would also give greater popular confidence if you would substitute government by the people for government by injunction.

You are on the wrong side of the fence to talk about popular confidence. Your injunction judge is hitting 80 per cent of the population. They don't like it. They will send you and your whole coach load of parasites to—Hong-Kong some day.

The Hon. W. R. Hearst and the Hon. Tom Watson have decided to amalgamate the Independence League and the People's Party. Thus the new party will have at least two members besides the two Montana pops, Peter Breen and Judge Clancy, who met at Butte last week to hold a state convention.

Field Work

John C. Chase spoke at Stockett Tuesday night, March 24, Great Falls, Wednesday night; Belt, Thursday night and Great Falls Friday night.

He reported good meetings all along the line. At Stockett he organized a local of 15 members and boundless enthusiasm, the account of which appears elsewhere.

Saturday and Sunday evenings he spoke in the Workers' Club at Helena. The talks were admirable, giving an account of his experiences while Socialist mayor of Haverhill, and suggestions of cities run for and by the working class.

He left for Butte Monday morning. His further dates in the state are: Butte, March 30, 31, April 1; Livingston, April 2; Red Lodge, April 3; Miles City, April 5.

George Boomer of Washington enters Montana at Plains, May 2. His further dates are: Missoula, May 3; Butte, May, 4 and 5; Livingston, May 6; Billings, May 7; Glendive May 8.

A letter from Henry Laurens Call, dated from Carthage, Mo., states that advices from the coast show the impossibility of securing the number of dates originally intended and the consequent abandoning of the western tour for the present. Seattle may get him on its proposed circuit and Montana thus be enabled to hear his lectures.

German Lecture

Frank M. Kolb will lecture at the Workers' Club Thursday evening in German on "Working Class Government." Admission is 25 cents.

Mr. Kolb came to Helena last week from Marquette, Mich., and has been working for the News. He has made application for membership in the party. It is his expectation to organize a German branch in Helena. The party is glad of assistance along any such lines.

Lecture Course

Mrs. Hazlett will speak at the Workers' Club Sunday evening, April 5th on "The Modern City" (Soldiers of the Common Good). The other lectures of the course are April 12th "Socialism Reply to Bishop Carroll."

April 19th, "Injunction Despotism" (Sic Semper Tyrannis).

April 26th, "Woman and Her Environment," (Modern Movements for Sex Emancipation.) Admission free.

UNFAIR

Organized labor and its friends are asked to take notice that all the St. Louis breweries are declared unfair, with special emphasis on the Anheuser Busch.

Brewery Workmen Union.

Alderman J. H. Longmaid has distinguished himself by introducing a resolution into the city council condemning Judge Clements for his well-timed and scathing rebuke of the disgraceful police administration in Helena. Fred Swratz was the only one that had self-respect enough to defy the party whip and vote against the servile measure.

An old party vote is a vote for injunction government.

Helena Socialists

Nominate City Ticket with Western Federation President as Standard Bearer—Militant Platform

Monday night the Socialists met at the office of the Montana News and nominated a city ticket as follows:
For Mayor—James Taylor;
For City Treasurer—H. G. Beckel.
For Police Magistrate—B. Leopold.
Alderman—

First Ward—Jacob Bodack.
Second Ward—Louis Arnold.
Fifth Ward—John Taylor.
Sixth Ward—E. H. Carlson
Seventh Ward—L. W. Beeler.

The City Central committee is composed of John Taylor, chairman; H. G. Beckel; John Bodack; Herman Luehman, Jas. D. Graham, Sec.

Helena Platform

We, the Socialists of Helena, in mass convention assembled, present to the voters of Helena, Montana, for their consideration in this municipal campaign our platform and candidates.

We re-affirm our adherence to the principles and program of the International Socialist movement.

The National and International Socialist Party realizing that the producers of wealth in every age have been the slaves of a non-producing class, demands such a reconstruction of society as will place the producers in the position of masters of themselves and of the wealth they produce; in other words, it demands that the workers shall have full ownership and control of the world's wealth. The barrier that now separates the workers from the wealth they produce is the capitalistic ownership of the tools of production, the factories, mills, mines, railroads, stores, lands, etc. The propertyless workers are compelled to pay the capitalists for the privilege of using these tools. They give the owners all they produce above a bare living wage. This is the wage system and we appeal to the workers, the disinherited victims of the wage system to enlist under the banner of the Socialist party, strike at the ballot box, and through the power of the government take possession of these tools of production and operate them for their own use and benefit. This will forever put an end to the exploitation and degradation of the working class, from which condition springs the monstrous evils that are gnawing at the vitals of civilization.

Our municipal activities are directed toward the same end as are our efforts in state and nation, namely, the abolition of the capitalist system; but in municipal affairs our program must necessarily be adapted to meet the special conditions surrounding the city proletariat. Capitalistic state laws further modify our local efforts. We therefore advocate measures which, if enforced by Socialist officials, will at best only alleviate suffering of the city proletariat and educate them in their class interests.

Our object in endeavoring to capture the political power in Helena is to conduct its affairs in the interests of the working men and the working women of this city. As means by which

this object may be attained, our candidates, if elected, will strive for the inauguration of the following measures:

Municipal ownership of all public utilities, and, as circumstances warrant, the absorption by the city of industries that are now considered semi-public. The revenues from the operation of these utilities are not to be directed toward the reduction of taxes, but toward the betterment of the conditions of labor employed therein and the extension and improvement of the service.

The extension of public works, such as streets, good roads, parks, etc, for the employment of the idle.

The establishment of a free employment bureau.

An eight-hour day on city work, and the abandonment of the letting of contracts for such work.

The abolition of the chain gang.
The strict enforcement of the child labor laws.

The full power of the city government to be used to ameliorate the conditions of women and children working in factories, stores, laundries, etc.

The immediate repeal of the infamous vagrancy law.

The establishment of a free city hospital, not to be designated as a poor farm.

In choosing the means by which to take over the public and semi-public utilities, and in the various other matters that will come before the city from time to time, the action of our men in office shall in every case be determined solely by its effect upon the welfare of the working class.

But while admitting the futility of these reforms to greatly benefit the working class, we deny both the willingness and ability of either of the old parties in Helena to inaugurate or enforce even these alleviating measures. The history of their past attitude toward the workers proves them both to be the tools of the industrial and commercial interests. Their public ownership planks are an attempt to decoy the progressive labor vote, since the capitalists and political bosses realize that if the working class unites on a revolutionary platform they will be swept from their positions on the backs of the producers.

We condemn the action of our present city officials in refusing to grant the eight-hour day to all city employees which action is in violation of the constitution of the state of Montana.

We also demand that all questions of city government be submitted to a referendum of the citizens by an initiative of not more than five per cent of the voters.
Fellow working men, our message to you in this campaign is this: Helena belongs to the men who make it, but it is in the hands of the men who make its private fortunes. Stand up like freemen and by your overwhelming numbers take that which belongs to you.

The democrats got David Starr Jordan in here to boost their campaign. He talked against the saloon and all social evils in Helena. He gave not the slightest hint of how this condition of social purity was to be obtained. He utterly spurns the proposition of the socialist solution, the giving of work to all, and the product of his work to the worker. He speaks with the most abject contempt of the common workers, "those that you can buy in saloons in bunches."

He knows that what he is talking for can never come under the present economic system, and so does the democrat party; but the "virtue" cry sounds good, and so the democratic party will surprise itself by "assuming a virtue if it has it not."

Alderman Longmaid is adding daily to his reputation as a "law and order" man among the working class. The Western Federation of Miners has been obliged to take up his boarding house record with the authorities. It seems that he enjoys violating state laws when he's outside of Helena.

In this case he forced his men to board at his boarding house, and the food was so rank that the men became so weak that they would fall down at their work. Longmaid then gave the boarding house into the hands of another party, but forced the new management to pay him ten per cent of the proceeds.

J. C. Lowney of the Federation executive board has been obliged to take the matter up with the county officials. But of course, Longmaid wants "law

and order" so long as the cost comes out of the hides of the working class and not out of his own pocket.

The Way the Capitalists Do It

The way the working class are made the door mat by the present city administration is certainly a caution to the working voter.

The following is an example of the nice, civilized way in which men whom the panic has robbed of the means of making a living are treated in Helena.

Ed Moore, an old prospector from the Corbin country, came into town and asked a direction of a freight agent. The agent, having more energy than wit in his skull thought he was being held up and telephoned the police. Moore was arrested, a perfectly inoffensive man, and held in jail four days without a hearing.

The working men of this city should wake up and protect themselves, and elect a police magistrate that has a mind of his own and will not take the sentence he delivers from the mouth of any Flannerys. That a judge should be dictated to by the chief of police in order to know how to run his Kangaroo court is simply an additional illustration of how little the working class under any capitalist government have to say about the way they are governed.

If a working man strikes town with no friends, with or without money, he is pretty sure to be kangarooed and run out of town.

It is a joke on the government of the capitalists, by the capitalists, for the capitalists that these same capital-

LIVINGSTON SOCIALIST TICKET

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Adam Akam
3rd Ward
Charles C. Simpson

BUTTE SOCIALIST TICKET

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ists, big and little, are quarrelling among themselves for an opportunity to get rich off the working man.

Recently a contractor for the Milwaukee road said, when he paid his men in checks, "Boys, these checks are good at the Union Bank and Trust Company in Helena, or at the Bank of Belgrade. I see that in Helena they mostly run in working men, and I advise you to go to Belgrade to cash your checks and spend your money."

A policy like this means desolation to the Helena business man in favor of some other business man. What it means to the workers is that they are homeless and wanderers with slavery or the jail perpetually staring them in the face. The Socialist program, a line up on political lines, means a rejection of the present organized injustice, and a vigorous effort to bring about a social order where those that work will not be social outcasts, but have the product of their labor and all the civilization that it implies.

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Land of Liberty, Home of the Brave!
Aye, for those high in power;
Yoy may shackle and scourge the silent
slave

Who only awaits the hour,
When he may raise his voice in the
land,
And in words of scorching fire,—
Fling back to you and your ruling
band

The lie—that arouses our ire!

We are not free from your arrogant
rule,
But are brave in a common cause,
No longer your slaves, your pliant toy,
Though we still obey your laws.
Laws that you make, and break at will,
For might and not right is your cry,
You rule or ruin, you murder and kill
And your names are emblazoned on
high.

We are free to take, what you choose
to give,
In return for our labor and toil,
And brave enough to labor and live,
For we yet shall rule the soil!
Rule on with proud and arrogant sway,
The comrades are wakening fast,
In the distance we see, the dawn of the
day,
When your power is over and past!

Land of Liberty, Home of the Brave,
Wealth, and the power it brings is your
boast,
Do you know the power of the pliant
slave,
Or the number that dwell from coast
to coast?
You may ever battle for power and
gold,
We have a higher, a nobler aim,
The right to battle, the right to hold,
A right to the lives you dare to claim!

Land of Liberty, Home of the Brave,
You trail your power and pride in the
dust,

For nations which thrive on the toil
of a slave

Must pay the one penalty, righteous
and just,

Land of liberty, home of the brave,
Haul down your stars and stripes from
on high,

And fling to the breeze the banner of
red,

For your emblem of freedom but echoes
your lie

—W. E. Hanson, Lewistown, Mont.

IDAHO COON

THOMAS J. COONROD,
State Secretary, Emmett, Idaho.

Comrade Philip J. Evans of Samaria
writes for five dates for John M. Work
in Oacida county.

Comrades of Moscow are thinking
of reorganizing soon.

Comrade James Farrell of Naples, a
member at large, sends in dues for the
balance of year and \$1.00 donation.
Thanks.

Local Pocastello has taken on new
life and something will be doing there
now.

Charter was issued to seven comrades
of Pine this week. They sent in a
donation besides the first month's dues.
Thanks.

I. F. Street of Payette also J. H.
Mielke of same town have written
about organization there. Comrade
Street sent along a donation of \$4.00,
besides \$1.00 to apply as dues on mem-
bership at large.

John M. Work's Route in Idaho for
April 1908.

Wednesday 1, Council; Thursday 2,
Midvale; Friday 3, Weiser; Saturday
4, Meridian; Sunday 5, Boise; Monday
6, Nampa; Tuesday 7, Mountain Home;
Wednesday 8, Glenns Ferry; Thursday
9, Bellevue; Friday 10, Halley; Satur-
day 11, Ketchum; Sunday 12, (vacant);
Monday 13, Acaquia; Tuesday 14, Ru-
pert; Wednesday 15, Heyburn; Thurs-
day 16, Albion; Friday 17, Oakley; Sat-
urday 18, Burley; Sunday 19, American
Falls; Tuesday 21, American Falls;
Wednesday 22, Malad City; Thursday
23, Samaria; Friday 24, Fairview; Sat-
urday 25, Preston; Sunday 26, Poca-
stello; Monday 27, (to be filled in);

We print the following which carries
its own moral:
"A recent issue of the Chicago
Daily Socialist reprints an article from
'Women's Clubs' without crediting it.
So perhaps it would be well to print,
just following my name at the head
of the woman's column, this announce-
ment: 'Unsigned matter by the editor.'
Then the authorship will be clear to
all readers. Marie Jayne (of the Daily
Socialist) included.
JESSIE M. MYER."

Women's Clubs

Seattle Woman's Committee.
From Seattle Socialist.

Local Seattle has recently taken a
step that presages the utmost benefit
to its future in appealing to the work-
ing class as a body. It has made an
attempt to inaugurate a practical plan
for reaching women, placing the ad-
vantages of the Socialist movement
before them and getting them enroll-
ed in active work to roll the stone
from the sepulcher of ignorance and
slavery in which the sex has so long
been entombed.

A woman's committee of the Social-
ist Party of Seattle was appointed last
week. Those comprising it are: Mrs.
Dr. Fiset, Mrs. Steele, Mrs. Gherke,
Mrs. Hyde, Mrs. Lampe. Thursday
afternoon the committee held a meet-
ing with Mrs. Hazlett and plans were
discussed and methods of action were
decided on. Mrs. Fiset was elected
secretary of the committee.

It was determined with the assist-
ance of Secretary Callahan of Local
Seattle to prepare a list of all wo-
men's unions in the city, or other wo-
men's organizations where a hearing
might be obtained, and make an at-
tempt to have Mrs. Hazlett give ad-
dresses before them on what Social-
ism means to women, the horrors of
the present wage slavery to homes,
women and children, and the neces-
sity of intelligent and awakened ac-
tion by all of those who are under the
social lash, if human happiness and
freedom are to be obtained.

If the committee is successful in
arranging a number of these meet-
ings in the next week or so an effort
will then be made to hold a large gen-
eral woman's meeting with the inten-
tion of forming the nucleus for some
line of concerted action in a Socialist
direction. The formation of a Social
Study Club has been suggested through
the assistance of the committee. Even
if only a dozen or twenty women were
determined to unite to carry forward a
movement of this sort the influence
they would have upon the socialist
movement of Seattle would be incal-
culable.

It would be recommended to all
women in the club who were avowed
Socialists that they join the party
and become active workers. If any
woman cared to belong to the club
for the sake of its economic study
and did not wish to join the party
that would be her privilege. The es-
sential function of the club would be
the study of the woman question from
the economic standpoint, from such
books as "Woman and the Social Prob-
lem," "Socialism and the Home,"
Mrs. Gilman's "Woman and Economics"
"The Home," Engels's "Origin of the
Family," Bebel's "Women in the Past,
Present and Future," and works deal-
ing with industrial conditions, child
and woman labor, the school, foods,
the marriage system and kindred sub-
jects; and the preparing of women for
active work in the Socialist movement.

This preparation would consist in
becoming accustomed to making brief
talks on Socialist subjects, books
read or topics under consideration,
preparing papers or doing whatever
other work might be of service.

The social feature could be intro-
duced also, an element so lamentably
lacking in the American Socialist
movement.

The above are only suggestions dis-
cussed as possible lines of action to
make Seattle women of the working
class realize that the Socialist move-
ment is their movement too.

Another project that the Woman's
committee expects to enter upon is
the forming of a Socialist club among
the children; something along the line
of the English Juvenile clubs. It is
proposed to make an appeal to all the
members of the Socialist local having
children to co-operate in this plan.
The intention is to teach the children
revolutionary selections and principles,
to furnish them with red badges and
buttons and to teach them correct so-
cial principles in contradiction to the
erroneous teaching they obtain from
bourgeois institutions.

These children will take part at
various intervals in the propaganda
meetings of the local. It is also the
intention to engage Mrs. Titus to train
a juvenile chorus in the best revolu-
tionary music that the party is possess-
ed of.

Letters have been sent by the Sec-
retary of the committee to Anna Ma-
ley of New York, who has charge of
the juvenile work in that city; Mrs.
A. M. Simons of Chicago, who is well-
informed as to efficient means of work
among women and children, and Mary
Walden Kerr, also of Chicago, who
has most excellent ideas in regard to
propaganda among women, for sugges-
tions to the best lines of procedure.

The Oakland, California, woman's
club is doing most excellent work in
the way of drills for entertainments,
broom drills, etc., hiring an instructor
for a woman's chorus, also for dra-
matic culture as the club has present-
ed plays and dramatic selections. A
number of young Jewish girls have
joined this club and are making fine
progress in five-minute speeches.

The Great Falls Woman's Club of
Montana has been organized over two
years and has been the major factor
in maintaining the most excellent
movement at that point.

The Boston Woman's Socialist club
is the most excellent of its sort in
America, and does most intelligent and
efficient work.

There is one feature about the Seat-
tle plan that is new, that can easily be
operated in almost every local, and
is a most excellent example for the
locals throughout the country to fol-
low, and that is the appointment of a
Woman's committee with a special
view to propaganda among women.
This can be done even in localities
where it would be impossible to or-
ganize a woman's club, and much use-
ful work accomplished through litera-
ture and other ways.

John Spargo has a most excellent
article in the current "International
Socialist Review" on "Woman and the
Socialist Movement," showing the nec-
essity of women becoming vital fac-
tors in the American movement if it
is to become a part of the conscious
life and effort of the working class.

Referendums have been institute
in the National committee for the pur-
pose of keeping one or more national
women organizers in the field espe-
cially for work among women. The
movement is awakening to the imper-
ative necessity of arousing the whole
working class to revolutionary action,
instead of one half dragging the other
half as dead weight shackled to its
limbs.

Ida Crouch-Hazlett.

Working Men on the Woman Question

An interesting communication has
been received in regard to the woman
social problem which we print. The
deplorable conditions of the sex-
relation under capitalism can be un-
derstood only as men and women both at-
tempt the solution of the problem:

Looking over your Sunday morning
Oakland speech I became very much
interested in it and it reminded me
of a conversation a number of us had
lately. Nearly all of us were veterans
in the labor and socialist movement.
The talk was on unionism and strikes,
the struggles relating to them, and the
conversation drifted to women and
unionism.

One man said, "Every married man
has not got a wife, some have only
a woman. Continuing he said, "There
always comes a time in a man's life
when he can tell whether his marriage
gave him a wife or a woman. When
the strike comes and things look black
and a man is being tried, when there
is no money in sight, if a man has
a wife he soon finds it out."

We all agreed that marriage does
not always give a man a wife. Wo-
man and economics were thoroughly
discussed, of course from the men's
view point. Some instances showed
up both sides of the case splendidly
—of a man being blacklisted, and he
would not give in, and his wife giv-
ing him good backing; how she gath-
ered up washings, and how he did
the washing at night after hunting
all day for a job; a greater determi-
nation on the wife's part that her hus-
band should not crawl faster than the
husband had himself.

If this spirit was extended what a
militant class of workers we would
have. For a woman, or rather a wife,
can make a man militant or a crawl-
fish faster than anything else I know
of.

One incident came up showing how
a fine union man became a bad union
man because his wife was only a
woman.

This man was a bright one, aggres-
sive, and made a splendid chairman of
the grievance committee. Every time
the grievance committee went to the
superintendent with Bill as chairman
the grievance was righted. Bill was
the pride of the union.

A matter came up in the works that
called for a strike. Yet conditions were
unfavorable for a successful strike, and
the grievance was one that was un-
bearable and humiliating. Three dif-
ferent committees had been sent into
the office, only to come back to the
union and report defeat. What was
known as the "fighting committee"
was then appointed by the union—the
three best posted and militant men,
with Bill as chairman—all socialists.

It is strange, but when the hardest
committee work has to be done
work that requires diplomacy, coolness,
knowledge and grit, the union always
selects socialists for committee men.

The committee went to the superin-
tendent the following morning, and in
a short time returned to the shop and
told the men that the grievance was
righted. The superintendent had been
defeated after defeating three com-
mittees. He had been met with great-
er logic than his own. He was cor-
nered. He bluffed; his bluff was called.
He was met with a quiet, stubborn,
militant declaration. The committee
won their point, the union was victori-
ous, and a strike that would probably
have had a disastrous ending had been
averted. Had the fighting committee
been defeated the men were to go on
strike immediately.

When the committee reported to the
union Bill was given all the praise by

his colleagues on the committee. It was
he that won the fight. Naturally the
men were jubilant, and at the dinner
and supper tables it was their talk
about Bill had fixed the "old man"
(the superintendent). Of course, the
women folks heard the talk and became
interested. Then the gossip commenced.
The averted strike and how Bill had
beat the superintendent was the theme.
Bill's wife was called on, "Say, your
old man is a dandy," said a neighbor
woman to her. "Did you not hear
about it? Did he not tell you? Why
all the boys are speaking about it.
He stopped a strike. He was too much
for the superintendent. Bill's all
right. The superintendent shook his
fist under Bill's nose and threatened
to throw him out of the office, but Bill
would not be bluffed."

"The boss fired Bill while he was
in the office on the committee, but Bill
just told him that he would take his
time when the union told him to do
so, and the superintendent apologized
to Bill before he left the office."

This was the talk Bill's wife heard.
Bill was a hero among the women of
the community with all except Mrs.
Bill. Mrs. Bill looked at it differently.
Visions of Bill looking for a job loomed
up in her mind. They were comfort-
able, had no children, had a home paid
for and money in the bank. Besides
she was a pillar in the church and al-
ways put up the best spread when en-
tertaining the Ladies' Aid Society.

From this time there was a change
in Bill's household. After the work
work day was over and it was time for
the men to go home, Bill did not go
home as had been his want. Bill went
to hell. Mrs. Bill was no longer his
wife; she was but his woman. There
was no more peace for Bill in his
home if he ever picked up a socialist
or labor paper or mentioned unionism.
Bill's spirit and manliness were gone
and the boys knew it not, neither did
the superintendent. Bill did not at-
tend the union any oftener than he had
to. He attended to avoid being fined.
Mrs. Bill did not like to have a fine
paid so Bill attended the meeting to
avoid the fine. But the union never
was able to get him to act on another
grievance committee, and they never
knew the reason why. Bill loved his
wife. He thought he had a wife, but
it was only a woman masquerading as
a wife.

Other women were proud of Bill if
his wife was not. Perhaps had their
economic interests been endangered as
were Mrs. Bill's they might not have
admired him so much.

As the talk on this certain evening
gradually cooled down and the men
ceased about wives fighting their hus-
bands, one man said, "Every married
woman has not got a husband; some
have only a man."
That was agreed upon.

The speaker continued, "When can
a woman tell whether she has a hus-
band or only a man? What event is
it that usually arises in a woman's
married life to prove to her that she
has a husband?"
Nobody could answer this question.
There was silence and the meeting soon
broke up. I believe some of them are
wondering yet. There was one young
unmarried man in the crowd, about 23
years old and a socialist. You ought
to have seen his eyes while we old
bucks were talking. He was mystified.
The talk was beyond his comprehen-
sion.

We invite answers to the question
"When and how can a woman tell
whether she has a husband or merely a
man?" What incident in her life de-
termines that question? We want the
answer from a philosophical standpoint.

The Reward of "Ability".

Opposite the depot in a Georgia
town was a grocery run by a colored
man, and while waiting for my train
I sauntered into the place and asked
how business was going.

"Pore, sah, mighty pore," replied
the old man. "De trouble am dat I
hain't got capital 'nuff'."

"Why don't you take a partner?"
I asked.

"No, sah—no sah. I'ze had one
partner, and don't want no more. One
time Kurnel Dawson comes over to my
cabin with a bland smile on his face
and shakes hands with me, and axes
arter my health, and says:

"'Moses, let's yo' an' me dun go
inter partnership in de wood bizness.
Yo' a powerful hand vid de ax and
I'ze a powerful hand to sell cordwood.'
"It appears like a mighty good
chance for me, and so I agrees and
goes at it and cuts thirty cords of
wood. De Kurnel sells it, and bimby
I goes down for my sheer of de money.
He smiles and shakes hands and says:

"'I'ze dun got it all figgered out,
Moses. In de fust place, I perwided
de timber. In de next place, I per-
wided de ax. Den I spent my time
to sell it. Dat 'pears to take in de
hullof de case.'"

"'But whar does de choppin' come
in?' I says.

"'De chopin', Moses. O, dat was
exercise, an' don't count.'"—Chicago
Ledger.

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and his ignorant colleagues vote to per-
petuate.

Such criminal violators of the public
welfare should be ousted unceremoni-
ously from places of public responsibil-
ity.

Working men, will you continue to
vote for such a caricature of public
weal? If you would put a represen-
tative of your own class in that po-
sition, under the only means of popular
control that exists, and that is in the
program of the socialist party, where
the alderman has to do the dictates of
his constituency, and is pulled down if
he disobeys them, you would have the
finest improvements possible in the
sixth ward and the property owners
would pay the bill.

Chance on April 6th.

You'll have a chance to vote for this
sort of a program, Tuesday, April 6th.
The man may be a property owner but
stands for this sort of a program, and
his party stands behind him.

Now, don't be a fool so many times.
For God's sake quit voting for the
property flunkey, and vote for a sane
system where you can get something
that you want.

Associate Justice Halloway's Address.

March 24, Associate Justice Hal-
loway, of the Montana supreme bench,
delivered an address at the Workers'
Club on "Labor Unions."

The address marked the first time in
the state of Montana that a politician
of the capitalist class has recognized
that there was such a thing as economic
classes. He spoke distinctively of the
Working Class, thereby recognizing the
class struggle. His remarks were in
line with the development of working
class history. He stated that the re-
cent decisions that are being handed
down from the courts to the unions are
parallel with the decisions of the En-
glish courts, 78 years ago. He ex-
pressed the opinion that the outlawing
of organized labor which is being prac-
ticed today by the judiciary is an an-
tiquated method of dealing with the
situation, and the judges ought to bring
their positions up to date.

The speaker closed his address by
stating that there was one weapon
which the working man had come into
possession of that he ought to learn
how to use, and that was the ballot.
He seemed somewhat surprised at the
unexpected round of applause which
this elicited. He probably did not re-
alize that most of his audience was
composed of socialists.

An old party vote
is a vote for injunc-
tion government.

Seeing Japan.

By Dr. H. M. Mamill.

Japanese Post Offices.

Any government service here is usu-
ally performed with great courtesy and
pains-taking. The government runs the
railroads, the telegraph, the postal
service, the baggage delivery, the ex-
press service, and does it thoroughly
and cheaply. For instance, I bought
a second-class railroad ticket yester-
day three hundred and seventy-five
miles from Tokyo to Kobe, and rode
in a comfortable car with very decent
people for seven-eighths of an Ameri-
can cent per mile. When I telegraph,
it costs me usually twenty sen (our
ten cents) per message. When I write
a letter in Japan, it is one and a half
cents postage. If they have no street
number on the envelope, or if for any
reason the person to whom the letter
is addressed, is not found at the place
or city named, they make thorough in-
quiry and try another city or street.
I got a letter last week that bore seven
tags pasted on it, each with Japanese
instructions to follow me to this or
that city. I enclose it just as I received
it in Tokyo at last, and Editor Bealy,
of the "Visitor," I feel sure, will
have it photographed and put in this
column to show our boys and girls how
very pains-taking the Japanese people
are. Here is the envelope with its
seven tags.

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or apply to G. E. White, general agent,
326 Allen street, Helena, Mont.

GREAT FALLS TICKET

On Saturday evening, March 28th at
a mass meeting the Socialist Party of
Great Falls nominated the following
city ticket:

Aldermen—
First Ward—Geo. Dickenson.
Second Ward—R. McDermott.
Third Ward—O. W. Winterood.
Fourth Ward—H. P. Nevills.

Charlie Simpson, Socialist alderman
of Livingston, has been renominated
as candidate in the third ward. It
is safe to say that the working men
in that proletarian town will show their
appreciation of working class admin-
istration by seeing that he is kept in
the council. The capitalist parties are
planning to fuse against him in his
ward on Dave Dubois, citizens' alli-
ance candidate, known as the scab
phone tool. Who'll vote for him? Live
up, workers against the social crowd.

State Department

\$7.50 from Ovando for dues and subs.

Comrade Platt sends in \$4.90 to pay the special assessment of 14 members in Lake Como Local.

Missoula is still on the map. Comrade Chunning sends in \$2.25 for sub cards.

Orders are from the Livingston candidates for their campaign cards. A campaign means business down there.

Com. McHugh sends in \$2 to pay for 2,000 copies of the leaflet, "Join the Party." He also asks for local supplies.

Comrade Peters sends \$12.90 credited as follows: \$6.00 due stamps, \$4.90 special convention assessment, \$2 for subscriptions to the News.

G. W. Wood of Local Chico sends the following encouraging lines: "Enclosed please find order for \$3 for campaign funds contributed by members of Local Chico."

William Friday of Manhattan is working on a local for that point. He writes for instructions, rates for dues and platform, and the bill. Send the word along the line. That's the way to do it.

Our office equipment has added to it a lot of new mailing galleys and wood furniture the gift of Comrade Smith of Livingston. It is such acts as this that brighten the pathway and give us courage. We appreciate it, Comrade.

Edwin Dew, secretary of Local Belfry, sends \$4.50, paying for five convention assessments, dues and subs. He says: "A good many of the party members have left here. From the first there were only six members that kept their dues paid up, and one of them has gone. I will do all I can towards securing subs for the News."

A letter from Mabie states that owing to the death of a friend he can not get away from Livingston in time to make the Wyoming country and get back to Red Lodge to meet Chase. So he expects to change his plans and go into the Dean country first. He says that only \$300 is wanted yet for the linotype. Mabie's mind is set on that as a mother's on the life of her child. Would there were more like him.

At its meeting Wednesday evening, Local Helena perfected the arrangements for the city convention. August Johnson resigned as secretary and John Taylor of the Western Federation of Miners was elected in his place. The local bought 500 copies of the News for campaign distribution. Considerable enthusiasm was manifested over the Sunday evening meetings, and preparations made to lend every aid possible.

Comrade Kruse in a private letter says: "Comrade Chase arrived here this morning and gave the students an interesting talk. When the comrades heard what they had missed, they seemed to forget the small audiences that some of the former lecturers drew and are talking of getting a hall for Comrade Call.

What do you think will be best for us to get, a small lecture room and give the lecture free, or to hire the opera house and charge a small admission fee of, say 25 cents? The opera house will cost us \$25 for one evening. I believe.

What will 1,500 handbills cost us, delivery in Bozeman, express prepaid? Please send me a few samples, showing size, etc.

Will let you know in a few days how the lecture dates in the college stand."

Comrade Powers writes: "The lecture of Comrade John C. Chase at the Eagles' Hall, March 19, came off all right. Every seat in the hall was full. We collected \$9. The expenses were \$16. Please send me the bill for the ad in the News. About thirty minutes before the lecture Local Billings held a special meeting for nominations for delegates to the convention.

Frank M. Kolb is a new addition to the Montana News force. He is a newspaper man who arrived from Marquette, Mich., hunting a job. There are plenty of jobs to be filled on the News; the only obstacle is "Where are we to find the money to pay for it?" However, Comrade Kolb went to work on subs and advertising on commission. It would take a good deal of that to keep a wife and two babies, though.

Mr. Kolb is a rustler and an enthusiast on working class wrongs. He will speak to the Germans Friday evening, at the Workers' Club on "A Working Man's Government." This is the first attempt in Helena to address the Germans on the socialist position.

Bozeman, Mont., March 20.

Comrade John C. Chase of Haverhill, Mass., addressed the students of the Montana Agricultural College at Bozeman to-day, choosing as his topic, "Socialism—Its Magnitude and Aim." He showed that socialism is an international movement and the socialist party the largest on earth; pointing out also that soon the struggle in the United States would be between two parties—the socialist party on one side, and the party of the capitalists (by whatever name designated) on the other, and that the students would, sooner or later, be forced to take sides.

The speaker brought up a number of amusing anecdotes showing how some people still think socialism means "dividing up", "breaking up the home," etc., and ended up by saying: "Friends, I shall be amply repaid for coming here, if, in later years, should we chance to meet again, some of you young people will come to me and say, 'Mr. Chase, I am just as crazy a socialist now as you are'".

The lecture was well received.
JOHN M. KRUSE

Are you thinking of the expenses the News office and the state headquarters of the party are going to be under up to the first of June?

Remember, we install our linotype the first of May. We plank down \$700 as the first payment. It is Mabie's work that has done this. But numerous other expenses hover around us at the same time. The delegates have to go to the convention, campaign expenses have to be met, and the man who prints the paper has been insisting about a hundred dollar bill lately.

If there is anything you think of that you can do to get a little money in here, it will lighten our cares. Just think whether it is worth while to have a working class organ in Montana or not.

Comrade Fister is still on the line. This is his latest for the welfare of Wolf Creek:

"You wrote me some time since in answer to mine in regard to Comrade Hazlett speaking out here. Now in my judgement the time most propitious would be along in May after the weather gets settled and the farmers get through with their spring rush of work, when the grass is green and everything is pleasant and in a flourishing condition. The subject should be the identity of the interests of the farmer, stockraiser and wage worker, and in fact the producers in every calling. Now, in Montana, the farmer and stock raiser feel that they have no concern with the wage workers. For instance, I was in the post office on Sunday at Wolf Creek a short time ago, and one farmer remarked to another that Butte had resumed work,

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that now if the fool miner will work and be content, and not be striking for more pay, Montana would be all right. He did not realize the fact that it is the wages paid these very same fool miners distributed throughout the state of Montana that makes the state good, and not the profits of the company which go east. And the more wages the fool miner gets, the more prosperous the state of Montana will be. I could not answer him without butting into a somewhat private conversation, so I said nothing at the time, but am waiting patiently until I run across him again, when I will explain matters to him in a simple way to make him understand. I think there should be more effort to unite the farmer with organized wage workers—that is to make both sides see the identity of interests.

P. S. I expect to have a little spare money shortly and will give \$5.00 to equipment fund, etc. Unexpected expenses struck me pretty hard during the winter."

To the Voters of Livingston
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thrown hundreds of thousands of men into enforced idleness and plunged their families into want and misery in an age where more wealth can be produced with less labor than ever before. The situation is too serious for the working class to trust its welfare in the hands of the old party politicians, no matter how much "the friends of labor" they may profess to be. In this crisis the working class can trust no one but itself.

The representatives whom the Socialist party sends to the city council will stand for the administration of the affairs of the City of Livingston for the benefit of the working class. One city administration after another have made promises to the workers, but each one failed to carry out its pledges. Each administration has been a mere creature of the business interests. It has been proven over and over again that the workers need expect nothing except from an administration sent to the city hall in their interests only. The socialist party everywhere uses all political power gained by it for the benefit of the working class. This has been shown by the socialists in the city council of Milwaukee, and with this end in view, socialist, when placed in power in the City of Livingston, will establish and maintain a system of public works for the purpose of giving work to the unemployed, and protect those who have no means of subsistence but their labor power. We favor the abolition of contract work and favor all city work to be done by direct employment at a union scale of wages. The power of the police will not be used for the sole protection of employers in time of strikes. The socialist party stands for the municipal ownership and operation

of all so-called public utilities, such as water works, electric light plants, telephone exchanges, etc. The hypocrisy of the old parties is apparent by their favoring the special election which was held recently in this city in the interest of a private light and power company for a thirty year franchise.

LIVINGSTON CANDIDATES

The workers of Livingston are very fortunate in having such representatives of their class in the personnel of socialist candidates. Adam Akam of the first ward is an old locomotive fireman and active worker in the Brotherhood; staunch and one who has always labored to better the conditions of his fellow laborers. If elected the working class of which the first ward is composed entirely, will have a first class man to attend to their interests.

In the Third Ward Charles Simpson stands for re-election. Charlie has been a socialist alderman for two years. During his term of office he has fought the good fight in the interests of the workers. When the eight hour law was being violated, Simpson advocated that the law be complied with, but was

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