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## thou again lift up thy head and vie A DISCOURSE ON with the matchless glory of the stars !

**DEATH OF AN** ATHEIST

DELIVERED BY S. P. CADY AT

# Funeral of John Riley Lewis at Jefferson City, Montana-A Respected Citizen.

when death has intervened that the last reasonable request of the dead, ex-Tyndall. pressed in life, should be fulfilled. Because of this, it becomes my solemn duty on this occasion to voice certain sentiments which I believe shall be in keeping and in consonance with the life and the thought of him who lies death. It was his oft-repeated wish that no clergyman should, at his obsequies, give utterance as the exponent long, had consistently and persistently antagonized. That his belief concern And yet, it is difficult and dispiriting ance with that held by majorities.

#### Death a Phenomenon.

There are at the present time many well-meaning and thoughtful individuals, who would dissociate death from sadness; viewing it as a phenomenon, as inevitable and in line with natural law; even giving to it an environment of brightness and cheer. And yet, despite all the teachings of science and philosophy, there is something about death that is suggestive of exile, of of the barrenness and desolation of desert wastes; dark and sombre is its appropriate emblem. Yet the gloomy pall may fittingly be decked with the myrtle and the lily, with the rose and the lotus, with the olive and the laurel; the amaranth and the ivy, the lowly, unpretentious violet and the regal chrysanthemum.

Necessity the Supreme Law. may shed the tear, but will not de-

Reason taught him that there are no miracles, that there never was a miracle; because a miracle is a contradiction of terms; because the east is not, and cannot be the west; because because two and two are four, and are not, and cannot be, four hundred; because the words truth and falsehood never were, and will never be synonyms. Sometimes, perchance, he may have had scant patience with one who would endeavor to explain a miracle, thus foolishly destroying it, or making it simply a phenomenon, produced in accordance with the unchangeable law of cause and effect. He denied all Friends and Neighbors :- It is well miracles, and standing with him are Darwin and Huxley and Spencer and

#### No Believer in Inspiration.

Again, he denied that there ever was an inspired book or an inspired author. It would have grated harshly upon his mental perceptions to concede here now so still in the calm repose of that an inspired writer could have made one mistake, or that an inspired volume could have contained a single error. One error would have cast a of doctrines which he, his whole life shadow upon all. Nor could his system of reasoning more easily have allowed for an error in translation or ing nature and the supernatural coin- interpretation, since here, as before, one cided so nearly with my own makes error would have involved all in uneasier the task that is mine today, certainty. He could not believe that an allwise and beneficient creator to assume a position which is at vari- would have given his word and his law in any form which would be pos-

sible of being misunderstood, or that he would have given them to only a few while many, for centuries should remain totally ignorant of them. Such all thought of gloom and overwhelming a plan seemed to him to be altogether absurd. And standing with him again are Darwin and Huxley and Spencer and Tyndall.

He knew that no prayer was ever answered. Not only is the evidence of successful prayer totally wanting, but also the evidence of failure, gathered the chill and cheerless of winter and from all the prayers uttered throughout Christendom for nineteen centuries is overwhelmingly conclusive. He denied the efficacy of prayer, and standing with him yet again is practically every scientific thinker of today.

#### God's Will Be Done.

"It is God's way; His will be done. These words, which shall forever ring dished him, politely, expeditiously, and sadly and mournfully in a nation's annals, portraying a matchless devotion Philosophy, standing beside a grave, and a sublime reverence, and beyond and through these things pointing to a spair, for it has learned that nature nobility of character and to the highdoes not think, does not know; there. est ideals, yet cannot stand the test the sentiment is inexplicable. Emotion Necessity is the supreme law that gov. may uter it, but reason refutes. The way and the course of human affairs, dom fail to reverse the divine decree. dents in nature; no chance, no caprice. More in accordance with logical deduction was the human decree, that the die.

The "Free Lance" **Adopts New Tactics** harmony is not and cannot be discord; Is Trying to Flim-Flam Billings Out of State Federation Convention--**Object Is Plain.** 

> The "Free Lance" (1) (deception | It quotes the total fares at \$1800.00 on the face of it-started out cussing to Billings when in reality they would reigns supreme, can ever disturb that every political party except the demo- only be two-thirds of that. cratic) has broken out in a new form

of virulent eruption in its last issue. This paper, it will be remembered, was the one that was started by Cutts and Shields, one of them business agent the carpenters, in Butte, as buncosteerer for the Amalgamated company to get the working men of Montana to vote the democratic ticket this fall.

The old Heinze game over again. Whoop ! Hurrah ! for Heinze ! Vote for him because he loves the working men, so Heinze can get control of the all organized. courts ! And then after he got 'em

safe he turns republican-with his thumb on his nose to the working men Now, working mules, do it over again

for the Amalgamated. How they do nothing of postage, envelopes and seclove the dear working men. How they retary's time. love to skin 'em. How they love to

grind them, and jail them and smash the next convention because it was the em with their injunction judges. great Citizens' Alliance town of east-Black or white, Dem or Rep. Rep. ern Montana. Hunt or Dem Fox-it's all the same-

so they name the man and the mules make Butte the center of labor opera-

Cutts can afford to be jailed if he's consoled by being the petted and pampered stool pigeon, the dear mamvention of Montana's laboring men to ma's darling of the Amalgamated-to

be the Judas of his brethren, the Benedict of working class patriots. But the carpenters were a crowd

all the time, and when it came to Cutty prancing around and getting out

ly love, and the salary of six plunks a

unceremoniously.

of Montana

vote for him.

ists in the Carpenters' union declined to pay Cutts \$6 a day to help the democratic ass to bray.

The "Free (?) Lance" says there are no unions affiliated with the State Federation within 236 miles of Billings. There are two affiliated unions at Miles City; at Red Lodge, only 60 or the Clerks' union and the other of miles away, the Miners' union is 700 strong-not a non-union miner in the camp. Bear Creek has two unions; there are unions at Bridger and Gebo.

Livingston, 125 miles away, is the best organized town in the Northwest. with the most militant organizations. Sixty miles to the north is Roundup, where a big coal camp has formed-

The Truthful James on the "Lance" says the necessary referendum to make and because he died as he had lived. the change would only cost \$10.00. It wouldn't pay for the printing-to say

Billings was chosen as the seat of

Why this sudden burning anxiety to more.

tions ? There is just one tenable reason: The purpose is to get this con-

endorse the great religious weekly, the would-be moulder of working class appropriations. From matter and ideas, the "Free (f) (democratic)

Lance," and capture the convention for where you couldn't fool all of them the Amalgamated and the democratic party, a la Heinze.

See ! you mules ? Got that through a stinking democratic sheet on brothervour skull ?

The move is already serving to make day they were giving him, they the unions of eastern Montana hostile said, "Oh, no, Cutty, you can't cut at Butte. Nice thing to do when these 'er any more like that," and they unions have just spent \$3,000 fighting been printed by all the newspapers in injunction cases for these "Free the country. Lance" luminaries. So raw is this That is, the republicans and social-

decoy work that a blind man can see that there is a nigger in the woodpile ing ? somewhere.

Shields, who ascends the limelight as of analysis. As literally interpreted the "advertising manager" of the referendum. Billings and the territory thirty-nine human beings were killed.

music of the wild woodland singer: SOCIALISTS STIR but, ah ! how speedily must follow nature's mournful chant and solemn dirge ! **OLD PARTIES** 

On an occasion like this many will ask. What is the estate of the dead ? The atheist must answer, that death is only dissolution; it is simply a return to a former condition, inorganic and insensate. This is nature's universal law; and we know that the loss of an COMBINATIONS ARE MADE TO endless future cannot be greater than the loss of a beginningless past.

Death is eternal rest. No fearful cataclysm, when worlds are hurled against worlds and universal chaos peaceful, hallowed sleep.

### Steadfast to the End.

If any should suspect that in this grow more formidable, the Milwankee discourse I have gone beyond or enlarged upon the settled convictions of ing more friendly to each other. The John Riley Lewis, I answer, that I believe I have not in any essential understanding that they must work toparticular. These things he believed gether if they hope to defeat the when his intellectual faculties were at their best; these things he still believed when bent and gray; these things he did not recant in the hour of death, when, at last, he had reachel eternity's portal. And, be it said, get together on all propositions rethat there are some whose minds are freer because he has lived and died, He is dead. He knows not anything. He sleepeth, to be forever unconscious as the withered leaf that is wafted by the west wind's breath, plaintive and sad. He has passed from life into that elemental realm where nature's alembie works out its wonders, not its miracles; and with him at rest are Darwin and Huxley and Spencer and What the motive for the change ! Tyndall,-at rest forever and forever-

#### At the Grave.

Earth and the elements now claim that which they gave, and which is theirs. Nature makes no permanent force comes all, and the law of perpetuity demands all. It is well.

# HOW MANY DIE.

The records of murder, maiming and destruction of property by the railroads of the United States for the quarter ended September 30, 1907, have

You probably read them. Did you realize what you were read-

Here is the record of 90 days: There is no cause for any change or One thousand, three hundred and

**TO ACTION** 

Defeat the Socialist Majority on County Board in Milwaukee,

Wisconsin.

As the Milwaukee Social-Democrate republicans and democrats are becomtwo old parties are coming to an growth of socialism. Says the Milwaukee Sentinel (republican): "It is understood that the six republican and four democratic members of the new county board have tacitly agreed to lating to the welfare of their respective parties and by this means defeat the Social-Democratic members of the board. The Social-Democrats are six in number. This would indicate a sufficient majority to carry before it most propositions in which a split between republicans and democrats might. result. In consequence thereof the two older parties have agreed on a friendly understanding, the republicans to throw their influence toward demoeratic measures in return for democratic support on republican measures. This arrangement is understood to have been made quietly without the intervention of a caucus." Furthercomment is unnecessary. The anti-Socialist party-the capitalist partyis beginning to shape itself !

The meeting of the Civic societies of Molwaukee last Tuesday turned out to be a lively occasion. The capitalistic interests have been trying to use these civic federations as a means for propsgating their reactionary schemes, but they are not meeting with great success. The Social-Democrats were on. hand last Sunday, and gave some enlightening statements on municipal ownership, the referendum and initiation and kindred subjects. A resolution was proposed that a committee of five be appointed to represent the civicfederations at the approaching Milwaukee charter convention and use their influence to have the initiation and referendum incorporated in new charter. This resolution was opposed by the capitalistic elements. After a long and interesting discussion the resolution was laid over till the next meeting, and Socialist Berger, Thompson and Gaylord were invited to attend and speak on the initiation, referendum and recall. Thus the openminded portion of the public is strongly inclined to investigate the principles and tactics of the Social-Democracy. The Italians are coming our way in Milwaukee. They have started a Social-Democratic organization and are proceeding to make good earnest propaganda in Rose's pet ward, the "Bloody Third." The Italian priests are bitterly opposing the spread of socialism. On election day the brother of one of these priests severely kicked and seriously injured one of the Italian comrades who was peaceably explaining the principles of socialism. But this violent persecution is only stirring up the comrades to greater, activity.

lent motive, no hatred, no revenge. erns throughout nature's domain. The stars pursue their course along the the established institutions of men; cause they must. Each atom forever prayers of all the churches of Christenobeys that law. There are no acci-The activities of mind, with which we associate will or volition, are no ex- base and ignominious assassin must ception to this. Hence, all phenomena, throughout all time are fixed irrevocably; there is no possible deviation. All science tacitly admits this; upon this principle all of its calculations are based. Science deals only with for startles the world. Speak, O Wave! cause and effect as traceable in matter and force, and never acknowledges any other agency. The astronomer, relying upon such data, fortells an eclipse far in the future. The chemist has never discovered in any of his processes a single behavior or phenomena which he would ascribe to divine interference with natural law. This today is the accepted doctrine in all the schools; and thus the teaching of the schools differs from the teaching of the pulpit. Both cannot be right. There are some who believe that the teaching of the schools alone is tenable and must soon supersede the teaching of the pul-This is the position of modern pit. atheism or materialism.

# An Uncompromising Atheist.

mising atheist. He believed that naabove, or beyond, or outside of nature. same is He saw clearly the fatal antagonism between the two systems of thought, and he put aside theism, accepting the doctrine of the schools. Though he was not an academician, and though he may not have been, in the broadest sense, a trained thinker, yet his mind, surdity.

light, blazing afar, illuminating the always to a higher plane.

A thousand people, nearly all Sabbath school children and teachers, start for a pienic excursion, and that thousand lives are lost, and the Slocum hor-O Flame ! In hoarsest accents voice your motives !

And then fierce Conemaugh ! whose relentless flood overwhelmed a great city, and extinguished so many thousand lives, in fearful utterance impart what lessons thou mayst teach ! Can the believer in an all-wise and beneficient supervision over phenomena answer or explain these things ?

#### Futility of Prayer.

instant desolated ruin,-famed, yet ill-chanical lines. He was a man of great starred metropolis of the Pacific's energy and great perseverance. His Golden Gate. Again, the atheist will ideas, and every impulse of his nature. ask, can the believer in the efficacy were progressive. To him there was of prayer explain this ? Yet the same no final goal to be reached in thought

God whose instrumentality, according or in human achievement, but only John Riley Lewis was an uncompro- to the theological contention, brought eternal advancement. This, however, about all these things,-the same is applied to this world only, and to huture was all; that there is nothing He who notes the sparrow's fall; the manity collectively-not individually,-

nest.

pride"';

The same is He who doeth all things which were marked and dominant traits well.

But the church will answer all these was always generous and hospitable to accustomed to analysis, was quick to objections-perchance has answered a fault. He would entertain no tolerperceive all improbability and all ab- them all again and again. But the ance toward the slightest injustice or answers which the church has given wrong. Indeed, I do not believe that

He dared to reason with the daring in the past have not been sustained he would have compromised his honor of a Daniel. For him reason was the through coming time. It will answer or bartered his integrity for all the only oracle of man. For him reason these things as it answered Copernicus wealth of all the treasuries of all the was to be likened, unto that Pharos and Galileo; as it answered Darwin governments of earth. And this is the and Laplace; as it answered Columbus' fairest blossom that can bloom over a

O reason ! true light of the world, of Montana, long a resident in our is greater than any conqueror or any long hast thou been exiled in thy midst. On a farm near Valparaiso, In- king; for thus does one become a thou-Patmos, but sometime shalt thou be diana, he was born, August 6, 1822. sand-yea, a thousand times a thou-called back, and then shall the mind His death occurred on April 13, 1908; sand,-in his influence for good. be free. Brighter thou than the sun's at 40 minutes past seven o'clock p. m. If my feeble and halting rhetoric

"Free Lance," is using the prestige surrounding it need the convention. It of his position as business agent of has been the policy of the State Fedthe Clerks' union, gets the advertising eration to hold its conventions at and twenty-four were maimed. from his victims on the ground of his points outside Butte in order to beget. In 90 days. silent pathways of the night only be. reject it. And the test;-the united squaring them with the unions, and solidarity of the entire working class not from a bona fide standpoint. In of Montana. Butte does not need edu- senger trains ran off the track. other words he is working a bogus cating. It is the "Gibraltar of unionism in the Northwest." game to float a bogus paper.

Now the new viscous eruption is a Organized labor of Butte needs the dainty little scheme to get the annual outlying state brought into line to convention of the Montana State Fed- fortify it in case of need. This is of eration of Labor to be held in August, eminently more importance to the enty-nine accidents occurred to as many

over at Butte, instead of at Billings, working class of Montana than going trains. where it was voted last year. on a junketing tour to Butte to deliver The Butte unions don't want the organized labor soul and body into the convention there, but the "Free (f) hands of the Amalgamated company, Lance" does. (Why f) The "Free (f) its democratic party and its injunc-Lance" quotes the fare to Billings as tions.

\$5 higher than it really is. Why ? A word to the wise is sufficient.

sky. He came to Jefferson City in the the life of my counselor and friend. winter of 1864, previously, however, this tribute would be classic. Often having spent several years in Colo- have the ignoble, the base and grovelrado. During his life he was engaged ing purchased for a price such praise in various spheres of activity, having as this, which he has carned and won. been for a time a ranchman in the vi- Surrounded by these besetting temptaeinity of Boulder; and sometimes he tions which are ever inseperable from Now teeming with wealth and gaiety, pursued the fickle industry of mining. pioneer life, he withstood them all, and and crowned with fair renown,-in an He also possessed skill in certain me- rose like some towering monolith, majestic, dofiant.

# Knew No Future Life.

He is gone. No more that electric thrill courses through the now inani mate form. Life and mind, as inde pendent entities, are inconceivable; can manifest themselves only when united with a more or less complex organic structure. And at this

as death, according to his belief is the point it should be observed that the "He who stills the raven's clam'rous last of the individual. That he made personages of the Old Testament, who no secret of this and other unpopular were in direct communication with Je-And decks the lily fair in flow'ry tenets which he held, pointed to charhovah, knew nothing of a future life. acteristics of courage and self-reliance, It is significant that that book follows | ago in far-off Chicago town. its heroes only to the grave; there was of his life. Pretense he despised. He

"Dust thou art, to dust returnest,

Believe it not because Longfellow has sung it; Longfellow was a poet,

#### Span of Life Is Brief.

Brief, indeed, is the span of a human life. Its morning, with radiant pathway of truth, and leading ever and theory of the rotundity of the earth. grave. He whose life is an exemplifi- glow in the eastern sky, soon passes Death has come to an aged pioneer eation of truth and justice and right into the full brilliance and splendor of noon; and swift and ever swifter when the place of the father of one or more the shadows have begun to lengthen, falling backward from life's meridian, been compelled to strike for living it speeds on to its western haven, on to the gates of peace and rest, on to effulgence, brighter than the light he passed away calmly, serenely as were otherwise, and could be commen- the land where Lethe is king. We ning's glare sublime, majestic, shalt fades the golden light from the sunset surate with the nobility and beauty of listen for a while to the rapturous able to see it yet .- Exchange.

In 90 days. Twenty-one thousand, seven hundred Two hundred and twenty-two pas-

In 90 days. Three hundred and twenty collisions

occurred.

In 90 days.

Four thousand two hundred and sev-

In 90 days.

Now do you realize what it means ? Once in every two hours somebody was killed.

Once in six minutes somebody was maimed.

Once every thirty minutes a train was wrecked.

Once each minute \$20 worth of property was utterly lost from the nation's wealth.

And this goes on, night and day. If you go to a theater and stay there two hours and a half it doesn't seem like a long time, does it ? Yet while you have been amused one murder has been done, 30 people have been struck down, five trains have been wrecked and over \$3,000 of waste has been committed .- The Bulletin.

# MORE PATRIOTISM.

#### Woman Believes All Boys Should Salute Policemen.

"School children should be taught to salute policemen," said Mrs. Edward Roby at a luncheon given by the Woman's Athletic club a few evenings

The wife of the governor was the guest of honor, and Mrs. Roby was one of the principal speakers. The latter declared that "the police forces of at the prevailing market prices, but the cities should appeal to Americans. purchasers will be entitled each month as being among the patriotic organizations,"

Yes, it's a fine idea. Let it be enacted into law immediately. What an imposing spectacle it will be to see school children stand to "attention" and "saluto" as a big fat policeman goes by guarding a scab who has taken poration and is prepared to issue charof the children when the father has wages !

Go ahead. Make it as ridiculous as you can. Perhaps the workers will be

## BIG CO-OPERATIVE PLAN.

If plans now about completed by the-Chicago Federation of Labor work out successfully co-operative stores for the distribution of products direct from the farmer to the consumer. will soon be established in every section of this city. The plans contemplate the purchase of a large number of grocery stores in different parts of Chicago, retaining the present proprietors as managers at a fixed salary, and a percentage on all sales over a certain amount each month.

A central warehouse is to be established to which the goods will be shipped by the farmers and from there they will be distributed to the various branch houses. The goods will be sol i to a rebate, according to the amount purchased and the profits made.

The project will be managed by the International Equity union, composed of the organized farmers and the local labor bodies. The new organization has already received its charter of corters to the various local branches.

Socialism is the collective ownership of the masses of the production. and distribution of wealth. It is a systematic method of carrying on the industries of the world.

the last of Moses, of David, of Samuel.

Was not spoken of the soul"-

but not always a logician.

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#### ADDITIONAL CONCERNING THE FEDERATION.

After the publication of a recent editorial by the News on "Western Federation Politics," referring to the effort made in the Coeur d'Alenes a few weeks ago to sidetrack the Socialist party for the democratic party, a been expelled from the Socialist party of Colorado for either fusion or compromise, and claiming that an injustice had been done him.

He was immediately informed that to Denver relating to the facts of the convention in which action against Mr. Coates was taken, and in which the editor of this paper took an active part; although time has necessarily obscured many of the details of the matter.

From advices that have been re ceived it seems that the circumstances were as follows:

Mr. Coates was elected lieutenantgovernor on a democratic ticket. While holding this office he joined the Socialist party. It being offensive to the State Committee and many members of the party that he should hold

from re-enacting their old stunt of imbeciley boosting the democratic party. So long as the Socialist party keeps away from the working men nobody is afraid of it. The Socialist party should be an

active, concrete force at every point, OFFICE 15 PARK AVE. P. O. BOX 908 presenting a better and more aggressive program than any other political proposition has to offer.

#### PARCELS POST BOON TO FARMERS

local parcel post on rural routes would council as long as he and that he hoped department today, "and would tend to their last legs and that hereafter the Secretary be instructed to call for a chants. There are now in operation publicans were united with the demo-39,038 rural routes serving a popula- crats against the socialists and asserttion of 15,000,000 people and should ed that Bryan was the last hope of the an average of five 11-pound packages democrats and he would not be given be carried on each trip through the the nomination .- Standard. year it is estimated that \$15,000,000 would be realized and the net return

to the government would be more than sufficient to equal the deficit." A statement issued by the postmaster

ngs general giving the postal receipts for March, 1907, shows a decrease of ico \$260,957, or 3.11 per cent, at the 50 alls largest postoffices. ton Postal receipts at 50 of the prin-

> ipal offices during the five months preceding March last as compared with A FEW REPORTS FROM BURGESS. the corresponding months a year ago are:

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October, 3.80 per cent increase; November, .17 per cent decrease; December, 6.14 per cent increase; January, 1.59 per cent decrease; February, 4.66 per cent increase .- Press dispatch from Washington, D. C.

Despite the concentration of industo arrange for meetings at each of try, and the many failures in the small business world, the middle class is not communication was received from D. C. being wiped off the map nearly so each of these places. Coates in which he denied that he had fast as a good many of our comrades would have us believe. While thouto organize in Lothrop and possibly sands of men are forced to the wall at Iron Mountain. I have written to every year there are still other thou-Comrade Reely in Missoula to get sands ready to make the attemptnames of people that will help at the ready to sacrifice their time and various points along the route to Misan investigation would be made and if talents on the altar of "individualism" soula he had been misrepresented the error in the name of "business" rather than would be corrected. Word was sent reap the greater benefits, both in material welfare and peace of mind through co-operative effort with the that can be relied upon to do actual working class.

> Capitalism stands for conservatism. The conservative elements in American politics are the merchants and farmers; therefore the interests of capitalism domand their preservation and the above press dispatch shows that capitalism is conscious of its interests. The plan of establishing a special local parcel post on rural routes is admirably adapted to preserve the coun-

try merchant and pacify the farmer.

There is a growing discontent among

# MONTANA NEWS, HELENA, MONTANA.

George Ambrose's Speech at Mayor's Inauguration in Butte.

Alderman George Ambrose made one of the best talks of the afternoon when he was called upon to say a few words.

To the Locals and Members-at-Large. He asserted that the rules of the So-Comrades-Greeting :- Owing to the cialist party would not permit his voting for any other than a socialist, and fact that the (35c per capita) assessfor that reason he was always excused ment falls short some \$3,000.00 in from voting on any of the nominees raising the necessary railroad expense

The postmaster general is calling of the mayor, especially the police com- of delegates to the National conventhe attention of congress to the fact missioners. Mr. Ambrose asserted that tion and the National Committee has that the establishment of a special only one other member had been in the adopted Motion No. 18, as follows: "I move that in addition to the wipe out the postal deficit, says a to be in the council another term. He thirty-five conts (per capita) assessstatement given out at the postoffice asserted that the democrats were on ment already levied that each State

make the rural free delivery self-sup- battle would be between the socialists public collection to be taken by each porting, besides being a boon to the and the republicans. He quoted in- local in their respective states, the farmers and the retail country mer- stances without number where the re- same to be used to pay the mileage expenses of the delegates to the National convention."

IDAHO

IDAHO.

voting 14.

Therefore, Comrades, I urgently request that you act at once and send money direct to National Secretary, Daddy Mayor Edwards is getting J. Mahlon Barnes, 180 E. Washington

'economical." He cuts the police St., Chicago, Ill. force four men. Rumor has it that up Send your remittances so it will goes their time to twelve hours a day. reach Chicago by May 15th if possible, Any eight-hour law in Montana ? so money will be available for dele-Any "people's" mayor to enforce it ? gates to return on.

St. Regis, Mont., April 27.

Comrade Graham :-- Your letter of no

date reached me just now. Or rather

one-half of your letter reached me.

I have arranged for two meetings at

and near this place, and I have writ-

last named place I shall go to Lothrop Notus .

and from there to Missoula. I shall Mountain H

Looks good to you, does it, working Let Idaho fail not in her duty to the Cause and there will be reason to rejoice. Yours for the Revolution in our time

by the Ballot. THOS. J. COONBOD, State Sec'y-Treas., Socialist Party, Idaho.

Dated April 30, 1908.

#### There were 10 cards in the envelope. STATE HEADQUARTERS, EMMETT, IDAHO.

and near this place, and I have writ- ten to socialists in Saltese and Taft to arrange for meetings at each of	April Financial Report, 1908. Beceipts.
these places, for some of the comrades	Locals-
here believe that I can organize at	Albion
each of these places.	American Falls 1.05
Comrade Stacy thinks that I ought	Battle Ridge
to organize in Lothrop and possibly	Bellgrove 2.10
at Iron Mountain. I have written to	Bellevue 2.05
Comrade Reely in Missoula to get	Bench
names of people that will help at the	Boise 10.50
various points along the route to Mis-	Burley 1.50
soula.	Carlin Bay 9.85
	Challis 1.35
I need all the data that I can get. Do you have the names of socialists	Council
	Elmira
that can be relied upon to do actual	Emmett 1.75
work ? I find that many socialists	Fairview 3.60
like to do their work by telling what	Fraser 2.60
wonderful things they have done, or	Hailey 1.05
will do "in the sweet bye and bye".	R008K13
I think that some of this kind have	Idaho Falls 16.75
slopped over into Montana.	Lewiston 4.15
If I get arrangements for meetings	Melrose 1.50
at Taft and Saltese, I shall not get	Meridian 2.40
away from this section until next Sat-	Middleton 1.50
urday, but I shall most likely not re-	Midvale 4.00
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introduced in the State convention customs. Capitalism rests on laws and prohibiting any one from belonging to customs of an outgrown system of incided not to make the measure retro- our changed modes of production exactive, thus permitting Coates to con- cept through the abolition of the capously oppose any movement that tends vation. to trifle with socialist political action in the interest of capitalist subter- ploit is the small farmer, so we hear fuges. The working class have foundered on that rock too long.

In Mr. Coates' letter he writes concerning the proposed democratic fusion phones are but means to make the in the Coeur d'Alenes.

"A conference of members of organized labor was called to be held If a parcel post is a benefit to the give the local a name. last Sunday to discuss the political farmer, why make it "local"? Why, situation. The Socialist party was in- to preserve the retail country merposition to the party sending a representative to the meeting or having chants. anything to do with it."

The proper course for the Socialist party to have taken in a situation of apolis, split in two over this question function of socialists.

It was in just such an emergency Everett gets the money for the adverthat the socialists of British Columsented their cause with such good ef. defend the retailer. feet that a number of socialists were landed in parliament.

Coates' advice in the Coeur d'Alenes and when he does and unites with the opportunity to bring a powerful pres- the extinction of the retail country do not care very much. sure to bear upon the members of the merchant and the reign of consterna-Western Federation, and keep them tion in the capitalistic camp.

ostensibly being a member of the revo- gress; pogress means the breaking of probably reach Missoula about the 3d Moscow lutionary movement, a measure was old bonds and the wiping away of old or 4th of May. Orofino After my next two meetings, I hope to have a good report to make. Sure, Payette the Socialist party while holding any dustry. As President Roosevelt said I'll keep going-will do my best. I Palouse office to which he was elected on a in his first message to congress. "the have had much experience in pioneer Pine capitalist platform, which measure was old laws and the old customs are no work, and I know that there are many Pocatello carried, Mr. Coates opposing it vigor- longer sufficient" for our changel obstacles to meet and overcome. I do Rathdrum ously and refusing to resign his office. modes of production. But these laws not get discouraged, but sometimes the Rigby After considerable debate it was de- and customs can not be changed to fit office people do get discouraged. Riggins I have 'not yet been able to get a Russell sub at this place, but I hope to induce Scherrer tinue his membership while remaining italist class, hence capitalism, in its some of the socialists to subscribe. I Stites a capitalist official. It is needless to entrenched position will use every am here at a rather unfortunate time, Tahoe say that the matter was the source of means at its command to hold back the for the people have not had a pay Twin Falls. much trouble. It is not the aim of rising tide of economic discontent, and day for a long time, and there will not Wallace ..... this paper to do injustice to any one; and will make concessions only when be a pay day until I shall have left. Weiser ... but it is its firm intention to strenu- forced to do so for its own self-preser. But I'll do the best I can under the Woodland Members-at-

eircumstances.

The easiest man for capitalism to exthe cry of "back to the land", backed

St. Regis, Mont., April 30. Dear Comrade Graham :-- I organized by irrigation schemes and "forty-acre a local last night at one of the old Postage tracts". Rural routes and rural telemills of the Blackfoot Lumber com- M. O. pany, and I was so negligent as to Supplies farmers and the farmers' wives more fail to have the comrades decide to Due Stamps contented in their isolated conditions. Special Sta

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I suggest that you give it the name Salary, See Blackfoot, unless they shall give you vited to send a representative to the chants, of course. A general parcel a name. We had almost no light, and conference, but because it smacked of post would let the farmer have the were hurried, because most of the possible fusion with other political par- benefit of the big department stores in crowd had to go across the Missoula Dues ties I personally took the lead in op- Chicago, and other cities-to the ex- river, and were anxious to leave before Dues, Extra tinction of the retail country mer- it became too late. They seem to be Supplies ... lieve that they will have a local of Donations . The American Society of Equity at 25 or 30 members. I organized with Reinstateme

the last National convention in Indian- 7 members.

It may be two or three days before this sort was to have sent a represen- of the country merchant-the middle the secretary will send in the applicatative to the conference at all hazards, man. The more progressive ones in tion and the money, but I felt that it or have gone in a body, and thrown the the society were in favor of establish- is best to allow the newly elected whole force of the socialist logic and ing "Equity Exchanges" in the cities people to attend all the business. I persuasion at those befuddled working. for the purpose of exchanging farm urge upon them the necessity for acmen, who were so blindly contem- products directly with the consumer. tion, for doing everything that needs plating action against their own inter. Mr. Everett, the president of the so- to be done. I tell them never to deests. That is especially what the ciety, opposed the plan. Mr. Everett pend upon anybody to do anything Socialist party is for. That is the owns "Up-to-Date Farming", the of- that is of real value to our class, but ficial organ of the old society. Mr. do it themselves.

I shall go to Iron Mountain and tising, which occupies about half the Superior today, and tomorrow, I'll go bia met the union men who were con- paper. The retailers are the ones who to Lothrop, and from there to Mistemplating a "labor party", and pre- advertise, so of course Mr. Everett will soula.

> Special Sta If you have so planned that it will But in spite of capitalism and all its interfere with those plans for me to Delegate E

retainers, sooner or later the farmer go to Chicago, do not change such Through the action taken by Mr. will get the idea of collective action, plans, but notify me at once and I shall go ahead with the work, I am the Socialist party has abrogated its rest of the working class, it will be to in such condition financially that I Balance on Liabilities

> Fraternally yours, D. BURGESS.

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Saratoga. There is not a hall in this little village, but Comrade Longley allowed the

The first issue of the "Volksten", a socialist monthly, printed in the socialists to use one of the rooms in promised some excitement, but must Holland language, will appear in May. have decided that this is not the op- Subscription rates, 50 cent portune moment. They can do much in clubs of ten or more, 25 cents. Address the Publication office, Holland, Mich.

birth. She is dead. The neighbor who told me about and the NEW IDEA, the STANDARD, MARTHA DEAN, and LA BELLE Patterns, has instituted proceedings in the Federal Court at Helena, asking

place of business. On the evening of the 28th of April, I held a meeting in this room, which was crowded to its utmost. At the close of the meeting, a local was organized.

Socialism was the subject of conversation on the streets the next morning, and all the local politicians are indignant. They say that there is no truth in what the socialists say, but these little fellows are wise enough to allow the assertions of the socialists to go unchallenged so long as the speaker is in town. This affords the local socialists much amusement.

On the evening of the 29th of April, I held a meeting at Blackfoot, and organized a local there. I found no one at this place to oppose the teachings of socialism. One man, a working man, said to me the next morning: "I think that the socialists are entirely too radical." I asked "Why ?" "Well", said he, "I do not like the idea of taking the rich man's wealth from him without giving him compensation."

I replied, "The rich man does not hesitate to take this wealth from us without compensation. It is ours when we create it; it is ours until we get it." "Oh", he said, "I see," and then he laughed heartily, and grasped my hand warmly as we parted, saying that the light had shone through.

I held a street meeting at this place last evening; had a fair sized audience and good attention, but there's nothing doing in this town. The town relies upon a saw-mill that is owned by Senator Clark, and that means that s blight hovers over the place.

These people seem to be proud of the fact that they are helping to create the wealth that is used to purchase a place in the U. S. senate for their master. They possess all that they desire-need nothing more.

I called their attention to the fact that a crowd of "Boes" is hovering around the town waiting for a chance to take the places of any that may offend the masters, but this does not alarm these servile place hunters.

St. Regis, Mont., April 29. small meeting last night with the re- in Washington, and the weather has sult that an organization was formed been against me in Montana. Prosof 12 members, and an assurance that peets seem to be good now, and it week. The "pot-house" politicians away. of the town were shy. They had

better when there is not a socialist about.

I sold six sub cards, I believe. shall hold another meeting tonight at Union hall, and from this place I shall go to Saltese, if I get word that I confidently expect. I am also told that Borgia is a good point. I may reach that place before going East. I have written to Fred Chuning for names of socialists and dates in this county. I notice from "The News" that he is to take a prominent part in

the effort to organize the county. If we could devise some way by which to get the people to read, social ism would grow at an amazing pace. All the conditions favor our propa ganda.

P. H. Rabbit was elected secretary and A. L. Stacy organizer. I asked Rabbit to remit this morning, and I believe that he will attend to business. The amount that each applicant paid is marked on the margin of the application.

We hope to organize another local at Union hall, but of course, I know nothing of the prospects.

I have thought that you may be lieve that it would have been better to have retained the old charter, but I could not find five of the old members that would pay up dues so as to hold the old charter. I assume that you require that this shall be done, but if am mistaken in this, I hope that you will so inform me at once. Be sure to send me a State Constitution. . . .

St. Regis, Mont., April 30. Dear Comrade Graham :--- I have just heard from the comrades in Seattle, and they say that I have been elected as a delegate to the National convention, and they insist that I go.

Will it disarrange your plans for me to go ? I have not heard from Blythesville. Saltese, and shall start towards Missoula tomorrow, and expect to reach that city by May 1 or 2. Let me hear from you there, will you ?

If it will make any difference to you, I shall not object, for it will be very hard for me to get through any Dear Comrade Graham :-- I had a way. I have been having a hard trip

D. BURGESS.

The Chicago branch of the Italian Socialist Federation has recently started a weekly paper entitled "La Propaganda." The publication office, to The question is "up to" all of us now which all communications should be for answer, and a stern one it is, too. addressed, is 108 E. Chicago Ave., Moreover, it isn't only the sinners in Chicago, Ills.

The decision of Judge King of the one of the great French doctors who civil district court of Louisiana recent- are giving their whole thought to the ly reported, and which declared unconstitutional the burdensome primary quoted in an article on "The Care of law of that state, has just been re- the Unborn" in the "New Age" only versed by a decision of the state su- this week. He says: "The dregs of preme court. The issue raised on this the human species-the degenrate, the case has created widespread interest, imbecile, the epileptic - are better and notwithstanding the fact that the protected among us to-day than pregsupreme court sustained the law, it is nant women." Well may we ask, generally conceded that the next legis- What are we doing as a nation ? lature will materially alter the act, and eliminate a number of the most objectionable features.

The distribution of the mileage to delegates will in general be handled as follows: The delegates wherever possible will pay their own fare to the

convention, and by Tuesday noon, May 12, will be reimbursed by the National Office, for the amount advanced, upon filing a requisition upon a blank form which will be distributed at the first session. However, any delegate who will need a remittance before leaving home will receive a check by return mail by stating the cost of trip one way and giving full name and home

Dates for National Organizers.

address.

Stanley J. Clark-May 3, Pine Bluff, Ark.; 4th, Gillett; 5th, 6th and 7th,

George H. Goebel-May 3, Newark, N. J.; 4th, Utaca; 5th, Rome; 6th, Auburn; 7th, Ithica; 8th, Corning; 9th, enroute.

Geo. R. Kirkpatrick-Connecticut, under directions of State Committee. Clarence H. Taylor-May 4th, 5th, Elkton, Md.; 6th, 7th, New Castle, Del.; 8th and 9th, Smyrna.

M. W. Wilkins-May 3, Albion, as many more will belong within a may be best for me to keep pounding Mich.; 4th, 5th, 6th, Battle Creek; 7th, Otsego; 8th, Allegan; 9th, Benton fact of humanity. If there cannot be Harbor.

was one.' I ask you, What are we doing, when we help the sinners to live and thrive and allow the saints to die -to be worked and worried to death. rather f" That is my Guardian friend's letter.

said she was 'a saint if ever there

the conventional sense of that term. A terrible declaration of Bouchacourt's. question of healthy motherhood, is

All of us mothers who are socialists see clearly that here we are confronted with one of the grimmest phases of the problem of poverty. How different the birth time can be in a real home, where the mother has the help she needs and all preparations made, only those who have experienced it can ever tell. Beside me as I write is a letter from a new-made father, pulsating with fine manly emotion. The anxious time is over. The wife. brave and unselfish, has come "splendidly" through the ordeal. The little son, sturdy of limb, fit in every sense, and his mother bending over him with the love-light in her eyes; what a glowing picture, suggestive well-nigh of

worship, the father gives me of them both ! That is the real home life, which we socialists are fighting to preserve and universalize in everything April 22, Fare to Wallace 20e, Dinner 35c. we do.

And here let me say (for several letters have reached me asking what April 24, "Iona" thinks of the controversy raised in our "Letter-Box" by Mr. H. G. Wells and Mr. Haldane Smith) to those of us who have known such a home-and thanks be there are tens April 26, of thousands of us-expressions like April 26, "State maintenance of mothers," 'Wife and mother an unpaid slave,' 'The age-long war of the sexes,'' April 30, sound strangely in our ears. For us April 30, the family unit is the fundamental April 30,

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Lothrop, Montana, May 1, 1908. Socialist Party of Montana in Account With D. Burgess. April 18, Fare to Coeur d'Alene City .... .60 Dinner .30 \$ 9.00 Donation Fare to Wallace. Br. 30e, Dinner 30e, Lodging 75e. April 20, 9.95 April 20, 1.35 April 20, 3.50 Donation .55 Br. 35c, Fare to Burke 20c. April 21, 1.00 April 22. Donation at Burke ... Lodging at Mullan \$1.00, Dinner 35c 1.35 April 23, April 23, Br. 50c, Lodging 50c, Stamps 30c 1.30 April 23, Dinner .35 66.00 Donation .70 April 24, Br. 35c, Dinner 35c. April 24, Lodging 50c. 2,75 April 24, Donation 1.20 April 25, Lodging 50c, Br. 35c, Dinner 35c Br. 35c, Fare to St. Regis 1.70. 2.05 April 26, Lodging 50c. .50 .30 Stamps 30c... Donation .... 4.15 April 28, April 29, Donation 3.70 1.55 April 30, Fare to Lothrop 14 Subscription Cards Montana News. 7.00 To amount due D. Burgess for 12 days. 36.00 Dinner, Lodging .85 April 30, Balance due D. Burgess. 15.15 \$52.25 Totals 52.25

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Local Seattle.

Have you tried to pick up any job work around your diggings ? That job press makes your paper.

Don't you think there are people that would join the socialist party if you took a little pains with them ?

Comrade Powers sends in \$6.50-\$3.50 for special assessment stamps and \$3 for sub cards. That man never sleeps.

The linotype is packed and awaiting our orders in New York. We still lack \$100 on it. Perhaps some local would loan this amount.

We are approaching an immense any money into it so as to help the party do the right kind of work ?

or shut up."

Comrade Mabie came in from ipsburg Friday. Thursday even

organized a local there of 11 me with good prospects of increas once to over 20. At the meeting rade Schiller was elected tem chairman and Comrade Sauer se

A letter from Comrade Mrs. B states that Local Livingston ma at its dance and every one see have a good time. She state they are taking in new members every meeting night, and adds, not give up until I see socialism

the state." We have a letter from a m

voted comrade in the state the its own story: "Of course campaign. Are you thinking of putting have our troubles, but I think a house divided against itself is the worst of all for a socialist. When I see women all around me, every day, who are in- I. W. Reely, Missoula ..... If you don't like the way the News different, and a great many who are T. J. Rooney, Livingston .... is run put some one else in to run fighting socialism, actually fighting Chas. Simpson, Livingston ... it better. Anybody can have this job for the slavery of themselves and of starving at the drop of a hat. But their children, it's enough to drive for goodness sake don't sulk so long as a father mad." This is so common a the people given the work are killing situation that we hear it over and Mrs. Florence Wesleder, Gt. themselves over it. In the words of over again. There is no greater comthe classic expression "Either dig up mentary on the inferiority of mental

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**RESULT OF SECOND BALLOT.** 

Three to Be Elected. Julius Bernard, Hamilton .... F. L. Buzzell, Kalispel ..... Frank Curran, Butte ..... Henry Davis, Butte ..... Geo. Dickenson, Great Falls Arthur Harvey, Lewistown ... John Harrington, Butte .... John Horne, Billings..... John Hudson, Dean ..... David Lay, Red Lodge ..... Margaret Palsgrove, Gt. Falls A. D. Peugh, Livingston ..... W. H. Pierce, Butte ..... John Powers, Billings ..... Jas. Rector, Monarch ..... J. W. Reely, Missoula ..... T. J. Rooney, Livirgston .... Chas. Simpson, Livingston . L. A. Vanhorn, Butte . .... Mrs. E. M. Wells, Fridley ... Mrs. Florence Wesleder, Gt. 

birth, as well as the gratuitous services are both brim full of enthusiasm and of doctor and midwife. The result has the children take an intelligent inter. Bemember the Above Places When You been that both infant and maternal est in the conversation about socialism. mortality have been well-nigh abol- It just does one's soul good to see these ished. It was a visit to this village bright young children with socialist 25 that started Mr. Broadbent, the Mayor ideals growing up (Comrades Sauer of Huddersfield, on his efforts to leshave six of them) and hear them plan sen the infant mortality of his town. about what they are going to do in the

world and never a word about what We have recently held our National they are going to get for it-no Conference on Infantile Mortality. The thought about the PAY. How strange 74 fight against slums, open ashpits, im- it does seem to see a young person pure milk, etc., etc., is well begun. choose an occupation because of the Schools for mothers have been started good they can do in the world and in London, and lectures on health and never mind about the salary. the care of infants are becoming fairly There is a chance to do some good popular. In a few districts, in addi- work in Missoula county for some one tion to the parish doctor, skilled nurses who has plenty of time. We had a 181 have been provided by charitable agen- good meeting in Missoula Sunday night eies. Lady health inspectors, working and the comrades came through with under the new Notification of Births \$20.00 for the linotype. Comrade Act, are slowly being appointed. The Reeley's is another family where kindness of relatives and neighbors is children and all are socialists. Will be back Friday. great.



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