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EUGENE V. DEBS BEN HANFORD

THE CHAIN OF THE MASTERS.

Mrs. Hazlett's tour of Teton county was provocative of the editor of the "Acantha", which bears the label of Injunction Bill, breaking forth in a column editorial to expose his ignorance on economics, and his subservience to his political bosses that pay his grocery bill. It is the old story of the intellectual prostitute selling his birthright of freedom and noble thought for the miserable living of a country editor. This is one of the glorious ideals for which socialists give their lives, that ample living should be assured to every man through his effort, and he should not have to write lies, platitudes, scientific absurdities in order to be counted with the "intellectuals". He bears to his readers the large-hearted and comforting assurance that there is no need to be agitated about the "dangers of socialism". He says that time will classify socialism, as it has other great fakes. You are right, Mr. Tiny Capitalist Editor. Time is rapidly and prolifically classifying socialism as each succeeding election rolls around; and as Marsh's Magazine so ably sets forth in its July number, 1888, 2,000; 1900, 100,000; 1902, 230,000; 1904, 468,000; 1908— Count the per cent for yourself, Mr. Slave-to-His-Masters Editor.

The Acantha man admits that he cannot discuss the principles of socialism. But he rushes to the rescue of his Masters of the Bread by a bantam-like defense of "OUR business men and OUR business establishments". Just what per cent dividends he is drawing for his partnership in these businesses he does not state. He whimpers that "she referred to one firm by name and stated that they belonged to an unessential, predatory and robber class".

The firm Mrs. Hazlett referred to was that of the Hirschbergs, a concern that owns the banking interests in that section of the country, stores scattered along at the various post-offices, and employs the interims of its time in gobbling up all the farms that the hard-worked, sweating and worn farmer cannot pay the usury exactions upon wrong from his bitter toil. This firm is getting hold of everything in the country that broken and falling toll cannot keep from its clutches. The overworked farmers' wages are slopping around in their rags feeding calves, pigs and chickens to buy the Hirschberg women \$25.00 hats and send their children to city schools.

By what right do these robbers seize the products of other men's labor?

What system of laws made by the robbers themselves can justify such robbery?

These labor skimmers are monsters of selfishness and indifference to the sufferings of others. They refused a sack of flour to a man with a farm and six children dependent upon him, who was obliged to wait for his crop until he could get cash. Yet they knew that they would fleece hundreds of dollars off him if he succeeded in creating products by his toil; which they are actually doing at the present

time. They render no service for this tribute they exact from the whole surrounding country. The goods they furnish are the cheapest and worst adulterated sweatshop product, for which they charge the prices of honest goods.

No, Mr. Editor, socialism is organized exactly to fight such predatory grafters. When the farmers get wise, when they have intelligence they will have their own co-operative stores, and the Hirschbergs will work in them for a reasonable compensation or starve. Socialists in office will give them state loans without interest, and the grafting exploiters will be taxed to furnish them, and their robbing banks will disappear.

This is what the socialist speakers tour the country for, Mr. Editor, for the sake of attacking and exposing this predatory class.

The Acantha man defends the local flour mill in the same way. This mill is such an open, bare-faced robbing concern that it is a matter of protest from the debt-ridden farmers everywhere. When it buys the wheat it deducts the freight to Minneapolis, and when it sells the flour it adds it on. Great system! When the farmers cease to be suckers they'll put up their own flour mill.

The flour man has put in an electric plant and gets in an extra swipe by gouging on the lights. The community should put in its own plant and it could have all modern electrical conveniences without making a few gougers rich. This is socialism.

Mr. Editor even goes to the point of saying that Mrs. Hazlett has no RIGHT to criticize these people publicly. Shut off free speech then. It is the only way you can stop the socialist's criticism.

The editor accuses Mrs. Hazlett of "unsupported assertions". If he can give ONE assertion unsupported by fact it will be promptly retracted. Let him name JUST ONE.

His accusations of "slang and sensationalism" are a very cheap method of retort to those who have known Mrs. Hazlett as a lecturer for a dozen years, her university training, and command of English to the extent of making her almost a purist in expression.

Guthrie does well for his masters but the Mrs. Partington broom that he wields will soon be overwhelmed by the advancing ocean of socialism.

FIELD WORK.

Eugene V. Debs.

Butte .....Sept. 19 Glendive .....Sept. 20

Mr. and Mrs. J. Phelps-Stokes.

Red Lodge.....Aug. 20 Billings, Mont.....Aug. 21 Livingston.....Aug. 22 Boseman.....Aug. 23 Missoula.....Aug. 24 Helena.....Aug. 25 Great Falls.....Aug. 26 Belt.....Aug. 27 Lewistown.....Aug. 28 Kendall.....Aug. 29 Butte.....Aug. 30-31

Geo. R. Kirkpatrick.

Lewistown.....Sept. 17 Kendall.....Sept. 18 Belt.....Sept. 19 Great Falls (two dates).....Sept. 20-21 Butte (2 dates).....Sept. 22-23

John Collins.

Lima.....October 2 Dillon.....October 3 Butte.....October 4 Livingston.....October 5 Bridger.....October 6 Carbon county.....October 7-10

T. E. Latimer.

Cascade county.....August 1-8 Farmington.....August 8 Choteau.....August 10 Bynum.....August 11 Raymond.....August 12 Dupuyer.....August 13 Conrad.....August 14 Helena.....August 15 East Helena.....August 16 Sol Fieldman.....October

A. W. Harrick.

Butte.....August 10-11

Rev. Lewis J. Duncan.

Dietz, Wyo.....August 7 Northern Wyoming till.....August 11

D. Burgess.

Lima.....August 21 Dillon.....August 22-23 Butte.....August 24-25 Anaconda.....August 26 Basin.....August 27-28 Clancy.....August 29 Corbin.....August 30 East Helena.....August 31

Strenuous efforts are being made by various unions throughout Montana to have the Debs train go through Fergus county. Twenty-four hours more in the state would enable Debs to speak to one-third of the voters. Subscriptions for the Debs special are coming in at a satisfactory rate.

Locals must take the Stokes dates as they are set down. They cannot be changed as they are given only so much time by the national office.

WITH OUR ORGANIZERS

Manhattan, Mont., July 25.

Dear Comrade—I made the train all right and left a bunch of Machine Politics at Campbell's grocery store, as directed.

Arrived at Manhattan on time, and spoke to audience of about twenty-five on "What Socialists Want and How They Are Going to Get It".

Organized a local of nine members. The recording secretary will send in the application for charter, which I filled out for him, together with 90 cents and minutes of the meeting. This is a tough trip. I have to leave here at 3 a. m. and change at Livingston at 5 a. m. Don't know if I shall have time to see Comrade Bauman before leaving there for Aldridge or not. It seems that Aldridge is not on the railroad and at this writing I do not know at which station to get off but guess I can find out on the branch train.

EXPENSE ACCOUNT.

Fare, Helena to Manhattan and street car.....\$1.25 Dinner on train.....1.25 Fare to Livingston......60 \$3.10

RECEIPTS.

From Local Manhattan.....\$6.00 Sales of Literature.....1.90

Cordially,

LEWIS J. DUNCAN.

Livingston, Mont., July 27.

Dear Comrade—I had a good meeting at Aldridge last night. About forty people were out and interested in "What Socialists Want and How They Are Going to Get It". The comrades were feeling a bit discouraged about the local and put off organization till four or five who were out of town should return. They promised me faithfully, however, that they would reorganize this week and take up the work in good earnest again.

It seems that they answered your earlier communications but for some reason you did not receive their letters. There seems to be some interference with your mail and you had better look the matter up. Perhaps this accounts for the other slow answers that you get from local secretaries.

The Aldridge comrades say it would be well if you could send a good Austrian (Slav.) speaker and organizer there. They think the Austrian miners are ripe for socialism but lack instruction because they do not understand or speak English. If we have any Austrian speaker or literature we ought to use them in such camps. There were some Austrians at my meeting last night and I had a talk with one of them. He told me he was a socialist but that the paper taken by most of his race in the camp is working for the republican party this year. He said it would help if they had tracts and papers for socialism in his language.

I have sold all the 50-cent books I had with me and most of the 5-cent Kerr tracts. If you have any more in stock, send me a bundle to Red Lodge by Saturday.

RECEIPTS.

Collection at Aldridge.....\$4.00 Sold Literature......50 \$4.50

EXPENSE.

Electric, fare and breakfast.....\$1.35 Round trip, Electric to Aldridge. 1.50 Electric to Livingston & baggage 1.00 \$3.85

Yours cordially,

LEWIS J. DUNCAN.

Columbus, Mont., July 30.

Dear Comrade Graham:—Here I am back in Columbus, tonight, and en route for Red Lodge.

I arrived here Tuesday morning. No one met me at the train and I had just engaged stage for Absarokee when Comrade Day made himself known. He informed me that arrangements had been made for me to speak here that night, hall engaged, etc., so I cancelled stage order. Day then began to advertise the meeting. To my surprise nothing in the way of getting out an audience had been done before my arrival. He put around in stores, saloons, etc., some dozen or fifteen bills. The hall he had engaged for \$5.00, which was one-half the regular rate. Later in the day we called on two or three people, one of whom is a socialist—once a member of a local here. Day invited people right and left as he met them and seemed quite eager. About twenty or twenty-five men came out to the lecture. I gave them "Our National Ideal and Our Practice". It was dispiriting, so small a number in so large a hall.

The next morning Comrade Day said I was to go to Nye for a meeting that night and that Mrs. Hudson at Dean would tell me about the other meetings, which were under her direction. I went as far as Dean and telephoned Mrs. Hudson. She told me to stay there and she would take me over to Nye. I did so and we had an audience of 17 in Nye school house.

It turned out that Mrs. Hudson had made no other dates because she

understood that Comrade Day was to arrange meetings for me at Fish Tail tonight and at Roscoe tomorrow, where I was to be met by comrades from Red Lodge and taken to that place across country. No meeting had been arranged anywhere for tonight and no arrangement to take me to Red Lodge. So there was nothing for me to do but come back here. I shall leave here tomorrow morning on train for Red Lodge and have telegraphed Peters not to send team to Roscoe.

I shall probably speak in Red Lodge tomorrow, certainly on Saturday, if not tomorrow, and I hope on both nights. Today, you see, has been a dead expense—no income—and I shall have to make it up somehow. It seems to have been a case of two cooks and scorched broth. I shall not get caught this way again. I shall make no country trips unless I know in advance that the meeting is advertised and arrangements all made. It is too expensive.

The socialists I am meeting on this trip are fine people: intelligent, scientific, both politically and ethically earnest and the farthest remove possible from the wild-eyed monsters pictured by the inflated fancy of middle-class utopians who think there are no classes and therefore ought to be no class conflicts.

I have wished many times that some of my middle class friends who think socialists a political menace an ethical scarecrow, or worse, and an intellectual zero, could meet the comrades I have been meeting and see how genuine, sane, and fine grained they are. No matter what their station or occupation, they are all of them thoroughly posted, not only on socialism but on industrial and economic questions; they are readers of good literature and thinkers upon what they read; they have high standards of individual and social ethics and average very highly as men and women and as American citizens. I have met them—coal miners, railroad men, of all sorts, craftsmen of various sorts, and ranchers, some well educated in schools, some self-educated in the school of experience, but all earnest, high-minded, and full of zeal for the cause of economic justice and the highest type of American citizenship.

Of course this is no surprise to me but I know what a surprise it would be to many of my middle class friends who think I am throwing myself away in espousing the cause for which these comrades stand. The very quality of these socialists, if there were no other cause, is assurance enough that before long our cause will win. You can't defeat such people as these.

EXPENSE ACCOUNT, JULY 30.

Collection Columbus.....\$11.25 Literature sold......85 Collection Livingston..... 5.00 Collection Nye City..... 4.50 Literature sold......10 Sub. to Montana News, Walter Hanks, Dean, Mont......50 \$22.20

DISBURSEMENTS.

Fare to Columbus.....\$ 1.25 Hotel \$2.00, and Hall \$5.00..... 7.00 Stage to Nye City..... 2.00 Meals en route......50 Stage to Columbus..... 2.00 \$12.75

Yours cordially,

LEWIS J. DUNCAN.

Dear Comrade Graham:—At the close of my second meeting in Kalspell, I invited those interested to adjourn to the I. W. W. hall, which had been offered by the union members. Three filled out applications for membership and others declared their intention to do so in the near future. Collection \$2.70; literature \$1.00.

At Somers I spoke on the street to god sized audience. Sold \$2.55 worth of literature and arranged for return meeting Sunday evening. On Friday came back to Kalspell and had my last meeting here, the largest of the series in spite of the regular band concert being given on this evening. Collection \$3.55; literature \$1.40.

At Rollins I met Comrade A. B. Eastlick, who is responsible more than any other one person for the fact that his precinct is a majority socialist at the present time, when two years ago there wasn't a socialist vote in the precinct. The schoolhouse was filled in spite of this being the busiest time of the year around the lake (the berry season). Collection \$2.55; literature \$2.95.

There was no boat returning to Somers where I was to speak next, so Comrade Eastlick brought me up 10 miles in his buggy and I walked across to Angel Point, two miles over the hills and took an excursion boat to Somers. The comrades at Dayton creek were very anxious for a meeting but I knew nothing of it until I reached Rollins, so could not go there as my other meetings were arranged.

At Somers the I. W. W. had turned their hall over to me for the meeting and had an orchestra to furnish music. The hall was filled with men and women. There are some good socialists in Somers and I believe a live local can be kept up here. Several signed the application for a char-

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AUGUST 20

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Excellent reports are being received of Latimer's work. After the organization of Teton county he will do some work in Lewis and Clark and then go East on the Northern Pacific.

**Poet's Corner**

**TRUST BUSTIN'.**

Both parties for years have been tryin' trust bustin' And if they keep fallin' 'twill git so dising'ring To us that is busted by trusts and sich like That they will be asked jest to git up and hike. George, Thomas and Aleck would turn over twice nigger. In their honored graves if they knew how much vice Is practiced by sharpers who safe skulk behind The things they forgot to foresee. We're so blind These days to our rights or such natural born fools We've thrown up the sponge, have become willing tools To Master Joe Cannon who by his gag rule Has made of our Congress a copying school. Instead of protestin' and mendin' our laws We vacantly stare while they rob us; because The fathers neglected to hire a great seer To foretell our dangers and needs. Let's not jeer At China for turnin' her face to the rear; While we are afraid for a new port to steer. Let's quit callin' England "mosback" while we fear To add one new letter definin' the rights Of any but niggers. Amend it so whites Can check their task masters before they are bound With chains far more galling than ever were wound Aroud the poor nigger. "Well, what will you do?" There's Billy been cryin' for years jest like you And warnin' the people of what we all know. And Teddy he's tryin', but he's awful slow; We think he means bizness, but his house of lords Keeps pullin' their end of the evenor towards The hind end". Well, ain't the time come To title them fellers and give up as dumb. Weak cattle, or rise up and show them how small They are when they stand up by Samuel tall? Such pride as theirs cometh before a great fall. If they keep on showin' so tarnal much gall Let's choose 'em ourselves, with one term of four years. And drop that fool notion that when once in gears They always can stay there e-en if they do pull The wrong way, or play out—Our cup is brim full Exposit' a Burton or Mitchell's no cure; Such grand stand performances may but insure Another ten years to the thieves now uncaught. In office or out New Zealand has taught—I don't mean the one down in the South sea Where they're testin' odd things to see how they'll be. But jest south of Kansas—is taking the lead. "The first shall be last" and so forth, is her creed. As all her fool notions should prove out O. K. If did her bank failure, paid up in one day. E'en Mossback Misouri might stay in the ranks Of progress or yet join the army of "cranks" Between two hard millstones so tightly we're jammed We're ready to say to the worn-out, "Be damned!" We're living right now and it does not behoove A free-thinking people to follow a groove, Or worship the past except as we see In it the beginning of our own destiny. To fine Standard Oil one per cent of its graft Yet let it steal on, is a proof we are daft; Preventin' Jim Hill from callin' two roads By one name yet run them as one, is what goods The fool common people, who, once meek as doves, Submitted, but angry are now, with-out "give". Beginnin' a "fite" that will end in the rout Of trusts, graft and sich like, and will bosses knock out. "Oh, go to ye rich men and howl!" If your's wise surely take warning and list' to their cries. You'd better pretend, if your heart is unchanged, And give half a loaf, lest the people deranged Should foolishly ask and compel you to give you may scoff The whole thing; Be willing to live and let live. "The Earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof Belongs to His children" and though you may scoff And rage when they humbly demand a just share The scales of His justice will give what is fair; Yet not till the people rise up in their might And bravely with Him for their heritage fight.

A. G. DILLMAN.  
Conrad, Montana.

**JOHN HUDSON AT DEAN.**

Belfry, Mont., July 27.  
Dear Comrades:—Comrade John Hudson of Dean, Mont., held a meeting at Belfry Sunday the 26th at 7:30 p. m. The meeting was held in the open air, Comrade Hudson speaking from a carriage which stood in front of the Belfry Bank. Comrade Hudson spoke about an hour and a half to a crowd of over sixty attentive listeners. He showed conclusively to the anarchists were, not the socialists but the capitalists. He enumerated several instances of anarchy practiced by the capitalists and told the crowd that no such thing could happen under socialism. He showed the listeners where he stood and stid that all who were with him were socialists. Comrade Hudson intends to hold several meetings here in the near future. EDWIN S. DEW.

**National**

The attention of the comrades conversant with the Holland language is directed to the monthly publication "De Volkstein", printed in Holland, price 40 cents per year.

The National committee is now voting on Motion No. 28, which provides for the endorsement by the respective State committees of national lecturers or organizers. Vote will close August 18.

Comrade Clinton H. Pierce, has organized two good locals in New York State within ten days. Comrade G. Bertelli (Italian) has organized four locals in Pennsylvania, within the past week, with a total membership of 115.

Reports from state secretaries on National Referendums "A" and "B", 1908, the National Platform and National Constitution, should reach the National Office on or before August 8. However, by a ruling of the National Executive committee, March session, 1907, all ballots reaching the National Office within ten days of the closing date will be counted.

Charters have been granted to locals in unorganized states, since last report as follows: Valentine, Neb., 5 members; O'Neill, Neb., 5 members; Felton, Ga., 7 members; Elgin, Neb., 8 members; Gering, Neb., 10 members; Alma, Neb., 12 members; Aurora, N. C., 5 members; Norfolk, Neb., 7 members; Page, Neb., 14 members; Clayton, N. M., 7 members; Alsworth, Neb., 9 members.

The Social-Democratic aldermen of Milwaukee have declined to take any part in the ball game and reception given by this city to the Philadelphia alderman. These men are not only grafters themselves and representatives of one of the most corrupt city governments in the country, but also represent the city government which last winter officially clubbed unemployed men when peacefully demanding the right to work.

The republican candidate for governor of North Dakota, first accepted and then backed down upon a challenge to debate with Comrade James H. Brower. However, a lawyer was substituted for the governor and the debate took place at the opera house at Minot. There was a capacity audience and at the close of the debate a local was formed with thirty-eight members.

Lincoln Steffens has had his interview with Comrade Debs, and under most favorable circumstances; that is, at the picnic in Milwaukee, where, surrounded by 25,000 socialists, he could properly gather the spirit of our movement. We have the assurance that the interview will be published in the October number of Everybody's Magazine, which will appear about September 20.

The receipts of the National Office for dues stamps for the month of February, 1908, (the last month on which the apportionment of delegates to the National Convention was based), was \$2,178.55. That sum exceeded all previous records by \$293.55. The receipts for dues for the month of July, just closed, was \$2,310.45. July, therefore, tops the high water mark by the sum of \$131.90, representing an increased membership of 2,638.

The National committee adopted the motion providing for the "Socialist Special", upon which the vote closed July 28: Yes 50, No 9, not voting 9. This is the largest vote ever recorded by the National committee on any subject. The affirmative votes of Comrades Sol Fieldman, New York, and Josephine Cole, California, were received too late to be counted.

**COMRADE DEBS ON SOCIALIST SPECIAL.**

Speaking with reference to the Party alone, I frankly confess myself an enthusiast upon the subject. The idea is bold and audacious and proclaims the adult stage of the Socialist Party.

The very suggestion is infectious and the thing itself an inspiration. In its wake the comrades will shout exultant and the track of the "Red Special" will be the path of the revolution. Along this track the stray and scattered embers of revolt will be fanned into a sweeping conflagration. Can forty thousand members of the Socialist party and a million socialist sympathizers raise Twenty Thousand dollars?

This is the proposition in a nutshell. IT CAN be done! OF COURSE IT CAN BE DONE! The amount required to carry it out will be returned tenfold in advertising alone and in making Socialism the COMMANDING ISSUE before the people of the United States.

**International**

Another fit for British plutes. It has been discovered that the influential new vicar of St. Margaret's, Dunham Massey, Cheshire, England, is not only a socialist, but an enrolled party member. He is described in the magazines as a man of high attainments. He is at present editor of the Interpreter, a quarterly magazine of Biblical studies. As showing his all round character, it is related that while at college he was a leading athlete and oarsman.

A big victory was gained by the socialists of Finland in the national election last week. It will be recalled that the Czar ordered the last Parliament dissolved last March because the number of socialist deputies—80—virtually tied the hands of the government. The result this year places the autocrat in a still more uncomfortable position. The result of the present election is as follows: Socialists, 84; Old Finns, 54; Constitutionalists, 50; Agrarians, 10; Christians, 2. Thus the socialists are more strongly the leading party than ever. There is a belief that the Czar will now attempt to abolish popular government in Finland, but the Finns will not yield.

The action of the British miners in voting to unite with the Labor-Socialist combine is creating considerable apprehension in old-party political circles as the full significance of the action draws upon the leaders. It not only means that thirteen men must leave the government seats and cross over and take opposition benches, but the miners' decision may spell the doom of the Liberal party, as a political factor in Great Britain and a realignment of parties, with the Labor-Socialist party in second or perhaps in first place. It is pointed out by an English paper that the miners are a power in about 100 districts in Great Britain, and that if those men stand by their vote as an organization the Liberal party will go down to rise no more. The politicians have been trying to coddle the miners for some time with promises of enacting their eight-hour bill into law, but the workers have become incensed at the double-dealing of the government, whose bill computes time when the miners begin to swing their picks, not when they start into the mines, as the men propose. There will be some more interesting political news coming from the old country soon.

A Socialist Medical League has recently been organized in London. Over seventy practicing physicians took part in its formation, and many more have since joined. Dr. A. Salter, who is a member of the London County Council, is the permanent chairman. The declared purpose of the league is "to enlist the special knowledge of medical practitioners in the reconstruction of society upon a socialist foundation." Membership is limited to physicians, surgeons and dentists admitted to practice in Great Britain, though medical and dental students and practitioners of other nationalities are admitted as associate members. The qualified practitioner pays annual dues of \$1.25 a year and the student 25 cents.

Despite the Czar's gerrymandering of the constitution, socialist M. P.'s still make speeches in the Third Duma. So late as the 10th of June, Bielwoson made a speech against the war Budget, of which the following are some of the points: "War expenses now make up a fifth of the Empire's budget. If you cast a glance over these fabulous sums spent by the country during the last few years you will have a sight before you truly revolting. The country has flourished, and still exists only for military purposes. How has all this expenditure benefited the people? How has it helped them industrially? How has it helped them intellectually? How has it improved the condition of the poor proletariat? No! No! No! It has helped us in no way. As a result of this infamous folly we see millions of hungry peasants, villages groaning under the weight of taxes, industry in a state of chaos, and every day more numerous and more formidable an army of workless artisans. (Applause from the Left; some hissing from the Government benches). But as for you, who vote this money because you are deaf to the groans of the people, because you do not see and are not willing to see what happens in your ruined country—you who dream of big armies and invulnerable ships—oh! cruel men! dream at your ease! The people and the peasants will one day appreciate what you have done." (Loud applause from Left; some insulting cries from the benches on the Right.)

The ability of the National Office to keep any considerable number of pioneer organizers on the road will depend upon the organizers' ability to raise money.

**Women's Clubs**

**TO THE WIFE AND MOTHER.**

The following leaflet has come to the office of the News. It is signed "A True Friend":

Pardon me for troubling you to read this letter, but I cannot resist the promptings of my heart to write to you. Of course, right here you will look for the name of the writer, but for reasons which will become apparent to you after you read further, the name is withheld and that of a "True Friend" substituted. Suffice it to say that your husband has known me for years. On occasions I have spoken to him on a subject of vital importance to him and his family, but he seems to be too busy with his daily toil and its worriments, or too tired therefrom to listen to me after finishing his work. Sometimes he seems indifferent; at other times it appears that he does not realize the danger he is in. He is irritable and becomes violent when I speak to him. You may well be alarmed to learn this, and it is well you should be. Indifference to the well-being of his beloved ones, even in the slightest degree, is not a crime, but a disease. It is useless to convince him of this, as he refuses to be convinced. Furthermore, his actions for the last few years have convinced me that your husband needs your tender care and vigilance.

You, more than any other person in this world, know how much your beloved husband is forced to endure for your sake while providing you and the little ones with shelter, food and clothing, with an education for the children and recreation, when possible, for all. He is obliged to submit without a murmur to insult from his superiors; his superiors not always in the strict sense of the word, from those upon whom his daily bread, the life of himself and his family depends. He knows he cannot leave his position without causing you much anxiety, if not actual privation and want. This condition has surrounded him since he was forced to earn a living to a more or less degree until it has made him either timid or irresponsible.

In the last few years rents have risen to an alarming height. Likewise the price of shoes, clothing and everything you need for the table. You find that you scarcely can make ends meet. Today the grocer tells you that the price of butter, coffee, or sugar has gone up. The baker raised the price of bread, or if he did not then he made the loaves so small that you are forced to spend more to feed the mouths at home. The peddler refuses to let you have a quart of potatoes or a head of cabbage as cheap as formerly. And the butcher. He complains that he is forced to pay more for meat also, or to go without it. Turkeys, ducks and geese are now luxuries almost beyond the limit of your pocketbook. It is the same with fruits. Formerly you had plenty of apples, peaches or berries in the house, but lately you find that you are eating less and less of these. And fruits are so necessary to health. They are Nature's medicines.

But this is not all. Besides an increase in price, we find an adulteration of our foodstuffs. Milk is high and adulterated. Canned goods are high and poisoned. Meat is high and treated with injurious chemicals. People are killed by the foods which are supposed to maintain life. Today some dear member of your family may be stricken, and death may destroy your peace and happiness and even rob you of your husband and take from the little ones the father.

You scold the grocer, you argue with the peddler, you remonstrate with the butcher and the baker, you search the papers for bargain offers, you worry and fret from morning until night so that your allowance for household expenses will reach from one week to another. You complain to your husband, but all in vain. He does nothing to put an end to this condition. In fact he assures you that nothing can be done; that it always has been this way and always will be so. Therefore I ask you to heed my advice.

You will have noticed that the sun shines as brightly and warms the earth as ever before. Does the rain no longer moisten field and forest? Does the earth refuse to grow wheat, vegetables or fruit? Does Nature no longer fill the forests with game and the water with fish; no longer provide us with food and clothing? There is an overabundance of everything mentioned. Shall I now tell you why all these things can only be had at almost prohibitive prices? Do not take offense, but the truth is your husband wants it so. That is the reason why I consider him ill; why I fear for his reason.

I have begged him to join me, together with millions all over the earth who think as I do, and to take the earth away from those who now hold it and who will not give us shelter, clothing, food or even a drink of water unless we pay them what-

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ever they demand. But your husband answers in a manner mentioned above. He goes to the polls every year and asks those men to keep the earth and nearly all the wealth thereof. Every time prices go up he says with his vote that he is satisfied therewith. Why, he is even ready to leave you and the children, to go to war to die for those who rob him and you of every cent he earns; who cheat you; who poison you.  
I will no longer appeal to him. I now turn to you. Use that influence which woman possesses over her lifetime. Tell him to fight for you; for himself. Tell him that you find things unchanged whether he votes the republican or the democratic ticket. He refuses to vote the Socialist ticket because we tell him that the earth shall be for all and not for a few. That old age shall be a blessing instead of a curse as it is now. Will you do this? If so, drop me a line, and I will send you a paper containing interesting information which will, with your help, show him the way out of his and your troubles.  
**WE KEEP SPREADING OUT.**  
Salt Lake City, July 30.  
Montana News,  
Gentlemen:—Your publication, the "News", reaches us semi-occasionally. We find in it a live, interesting paper, covering a section of the inter-mountain country that we want to keep in touch with.  
We should like to receive the "News" regularly and under separate cover we are mailing you a current number of Goodwin's Weekly.  
We should like very much to have you put us on your exchange list and in return will be pleased to put you on our mailing list.  
Yours truly,  
L. S. GILLHAM.

**PROPAGANDA MATERIAL.**  
Jas. D. Graham.  
Dear Comrade:—I am in receipt of your favor of the 26th inst., with check for fifteen dollars (\$15.00) and herewith enclose you a receipt. I am forwarding you by express 25 Charters with Mailing Tubes; 500 Membership Application Cards; 500 Membership Dues Cards. I am also enclosing you two hundred (200) dues stamps.  
Fraternally yours,  
J. MAHLON BARNES,  
National Secretary.  
**HOW CAPITALIST SYSTEM WORKS**  
If you think that progress and the conquest of nature, made under class conditions for profit or to satisfy the cupidity of a morbid philanthropist, is a matter of holiday sport, read the construction reports of the Chicago Drainage Channel or any similar work and learn how the men were treated; how they worked; what food and shelter they had; what form of recreations; how they were mutilated, suffered, died, their bodies thrown away and forgotten, all for the sake of "human" progress, they themselves of course not being human.  
O! Progress, what crimes are committed in thy name! In our most advanced industries (the steel works for example) it has become necessary to enclose the grounds with a wall and establish private hospitals inside for the victims of "progress"; and the records of these so-called "accidents" are concealed from the public with connivance of the civil authorities as being so horrible that their exposure would endanger the foundations of society. Or read the history of the Homestead strikes and learn how Philanthropist Carnegie worked for human progress.—Marcus Hitch in his criticism of Goethe's Faust.

## State Department

F. S. Cahill of Pocatello renews his subscription.

Local Stevensville sends in \$4.00 for the News.

Is your union in need of constitutions, by-laws, bills, tickets, referendums, or letterheads? If so, order them from the Montana News, the only workingman's paper in the state run in the interest of labor.

No working man with any pride will patronize a printing plant whose profits go to boost the system that exploits him when he can patronize a concern run for the betterment of him and his fellow workers.

Orders are coming thick and fast for the Debs envelopes. 65 cents a hundred. Get a bunch in time to make their flying through the mails good propaganda.

Local Fridley gave their annual strawberry and ice cream social on July 17. Cleared \$28.00. It was given to raise money to pay the convention assessment.

Five half-yearly sub cards \$1.00. Every comrade in Montana should send for a dollar's worth and boom the local socialist campaign to the utmost. Nothing will do this like a local press to handle the local situation.

Belfry, Mont., July 27.  
Dear Comrades:—Enclosed find 25 cents for which please send the Montana News to the following address for six months: Albert Youst, Belfry, Mont.

We are still on the onward march toward socialism in this locality.  
Yours for the Revolution,  
EDWIN S. DEW.

Dear Comrade:—Don't Bill Duncan for Joliet. Comrade Lay thinks it inadvisable at this time. He says there is no one in town and the farmers are all so busy they won't come in. He thinks if you could make arrangements at Fromberg it would be a good place, as there is quite a number of men around there who would attend a meeting and there never has been anything done there.  
Yours fraternally,  
JOHN PETERS.  
Red Lodge, Mont.

From Comrade Sholl of Dillon: "I received your letter Friday evening and the bundle of papers. Was glad to get both. Have been busy scattering the papers today. Captured one new sub. I think I will be able to send in several by the last of this week. This is a hard place to do socialist work in. Send on your speakers and I will be glad to meet him or her at the train, whichever it may be".  
Every place is a hard place to do socialist work in, Comrade Sholl. We have to do it anyhow.

Idaho is coming to the front on dates as per the following letters from the state secretary:

Dear Comrade:—I see that J. G. Phelps Stokes is to be in Montana a few dates just previous to nine dates in Idaho. You will no doubt be printing some advertising matter for the meetings in Montana so please print 500 for Idaho dates and send them to me soon with bill for same. If you will prepay expressage it is much cheaper for us, the agent tells me, on such as printed matter.

I do not know the points that will use Stokes, yet so as to send them. Leave price of admission so it can be filled in to suit locality, as some will not wish to charge admittance.

With best wishes, I am,  
Fraternally yours,  
THOS. J. COONROD.

Ole Ferguson of Livingston sends in a dollar for the News.

Clear Creek, Mont., July 22.  
Dear Comrades:—I enclose a postal money order for \$2.00, 50 cents for convention assessment, \$1.00 for linotype and 50 cents for expenses. I am doing the best I can for our cause.

With bright hopes for the future, I am,  
Yours fraternally,  
JOHN THOMPSON.

Comrade State Secretary:—Our situation compels us to pass our speakers through your state to get them from one part to the other and so I write to find out if you would like to use our nominees for governor and congress, Comrade E. Untermann of Florence and Comrade H. A. Barton of Coeur d'Alene, respectively as they pass through at a few points after about the 15th of September. If so, kindly give us the points desired and we can make calculations accordingly.

We would like something toward expenses, such as collection, or something of that kind, at meetings.

With kind regards, I am, for the Revolution in our time by the ballot.  
Fraternally yours,  
THOS. J. COONROD.  
Emmett, Idaho.

Montana News:—Enclosed find an order for \$2.00, for which please send the News to John Leigh and George Walker, and give me credit for another year's subscription, and apply balance, 50 cents, to any fund that you think best.  
Yours respectfully,  
S. G. RATEKIN.  
Libby, Mont.

Great Falls, July 27, 1908.  
Dear Comrade:—Enclosed you will find postoffice money order for \$6.50 sent by Local Great Falls.

You may issue receipts for the following names: Geo. Dickinson for linotype, \$1.00; Mr. and Mrs. Peck, \$1.00; Mr. and Mrs. Phillips, \$1.00; Joe Howgarty, 50 cents; S. R. Splain, 50 cents; John Lancaster, 50 cents; Frank Pritchek, 50 cents, and Miss Julia Misenback, 50 cents, for convention.  
With kindest regards, I remain,  
Yours fraternally,  
MARGARET PALSGROVE.

Butte, Mont., August 2.  
Dear Comrade Graham:—By vote of the Local I am instructed to forward our July dues tomorrow morning, 58 stamps \$14.50. Have given Lourens credit for \$1.00 as per your statement. 46 stamps received.  
Sent out nearly 100 delinquent notices, but not much results as yet. Fourteen have already been returned. McHugh and Ambros are collecting for "Red Special".

My report shows over \$30.00 on hand, but it is not enough to pay local's debts; if all delinquents would pay up we would have over \$400.00 on hand instead of \$30.00. Still, we are doing something; but oh! so little, and so much to gain.  
H. S. DAVIS.

Plains, Mont., Aug. 1.  
Mr. Jas. D. Graham,  
Dear Sir and Comrade:—Your letter of the 28th at hand and contents noted. It seemed no trouble to get enough (10) to get a charter but it has been impossible to get them to do anything. I have called two or three meetings, the last last Sunday and have never had enough to do anything. I wrote you that we would prepare for Comrade Boomer and I had Comrade Morrison attend to it and he didn't do it. I am working on a stump ranch and am alone and just can't get away only for a few hours at a time. The night Comrade Boomer came here it was raining and too bad for even a street speech and the only hall in town was being used by some church or school doings, so

we were helpless. Some of our brainiest socialists seem to think it is a hopeless case; in fact, give it up, but some of the boys and myself will try again. I would like to see a socialist ticket in Sanders county, but it is not obtainable at Plains. If Trout Creek had a local and are active they can start the proposition. Most of the socialist votes will come from the working class and farmers and I believe we will double our vote of last year, but I am not much of a prophet.

If I was in town all the time I believe I could enliven the boys, but I cannot be in town until after my crop is harvested, which will be about election time.

I am sending you a list of first voters. I wish we could stir up things in Montana, but I sometimes become discouraged because of the utter lack of interest shown by those most concerned.

Hoping that something will turn up to start things in Sanders, I am most sincerely yours,  
ALEX. R. RHONE.

Lewistown, Mont., July 29.  
Dear Comrade:—Enclosed find two subscription lists not used. The third I had on my desk trying to raise some donations but was not successful and some one took it.

Enclosed find a check for three dollars. Please send me one book of stamps. Also find enclosed referendum ballots A and B, filled out with votes as cast by local members. Up to date have not received referendum concerning meeting of state convention.

Yours fraternally,  
JOHN A. ROADES, JR.

Rollins, Mont., July 31.  
Comrade Graham:—We had a splendid meeting when Comrade Latimer was here. He made several new converts, but he should have gone to Dayton Creek. We have commenced to unload literature at Dayton.

I wish you would send me the News and I will pay you just as soon as I can. I am in hard circumstances at present. I have no land of my own and no steady work, but I want the paper and will pay you as soon as I can if you will send it to me.  
Fraternally yours,  
A. B. EASTLICK.

Paper sent promptly. Only too glad to encourage such workers.  
Havre, Aug. 2, 1908.  
Mr. Jas. D. Graham.

Dear Sir:—Comrade Latimer spoke on the streets at Havre Friday and Saturday evenings. An audience of 250 gathered around him the first night and 150 appreciated his good words the second night.

This was the first socialist speaker who has visited Havre in two years. Not a blemish, hoot or cat-call marred these meetings, which speaks well for Havre as an orderly and law-abiding people.

If socialism is built upon wind it will soon die and we would all be glad of its demise, but if it is based upon truth and this truth once gets into the hearts of men, then persecution is useless. Time will tell.  
F. A. NYSTROM.

Comrades:—In your issue of July 23, under the heading of "Theory and Practice", I must say I concur. Only you are too lenient—come down next time. It does seem as though the socialists want some one else to carry the load and bear the blunt. But they want to get in if there is any praise, if it don't touch their pocket.

We have in our midst some who pretend to be socialists who will not come in our local or donate in any way to help on with the revolution. But if you talk to them they are ready to do anything only they do not, want you to touch their pocket for a cent, and if a speaker comes you look in vain for him for fear they might be asked to cough up 50 cents or so. But when the socialists win (which they will), then they want to be in the first pew. Such men may vote all right if they think no one will tell on them.

And then talk about ignorance; if I did not run onto it in all its bliss not long ago. A republican lawyer got after the Socialist party for nominating a man for president who is serving a sentence in the pen.

Of course I informed him that he was slightly mixed; that he did not know the difference between the Socialist party and the Socialist Labor party. He had heard of Preston of Nevada.

He then switched onto Comrade Haywood and a party that would endorse him. I told him they failed to convict him when they had all the wealth of the world against him and I mentioned the fact if he had been guilty they would not have had to kidnap him. I also spoke of him of the "Big Club" calling Haywood an undesirable citizen. As he got away he said that Haywood was an undesirable.

Of course, he being a lawyer, he is an expert brow-beater and too well versed in politics for me but when we have another speaker I shall try

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Yours for the revolution of the world,  
J. WORTH GOODSON.  
Stevensville, Mont., July 30.

Missoula, Mont., July 28.  
Dear Comrade:—Received your last communication and will send in a report and longer letter in a couple of days. Enclosed find postal order for \$3.00 collected on the special assessment. Will get a little more on it I think.

Fraternally,  
FRED CHUNING.

Great Falls, Mont., Aug. 2.  
Comrade Graham:—I am sending the members referendum ballots as voted on July 19. I handed some around to comrades that were in good standing but they haven't turned them back yet so I can't wait any longer, so 12 ballots are all I can turn in to you.

Referendum "B" membership ballot is as follows: 20 votes cast for Helena for State convention.  
Comrade Latimer is in town and held a street meeting Saturday night and it was a good meeting for not being advertised. Tonight he will speak on the corner of Third street and Central avenue, then march the crowd to Union hall and speak to them there.

Am sending big ballots in bundle as I thought it would be best to send them that way.  
WM. PALSGROVE.

Comrade:—You will find enclosed application for charter signed by eleven persons and a money order of \$1.10 for same, 10 cents being the amount we collected from each signer. We are tenderfoot at this kind of business, therefore I ask that you please send us full instructions for organizing, giving us all the data that you can. After Rev. Lewis Duncan's speech, which was greatly enjoyed by all, we nominated and elected the following officers: Financial secretary, Henry Rettig; recording secretary, Chas. G. Monroe; literature agent, Peter Winner. Hoping that this small move will be the solid foundation for a local at Manhattan and wishing all the best of success, we remain,  
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