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ITALIST SYSTEM

EVICTION CONSPIRACY AGAINST UNION MEN

Bankers, Landlords and Politicians Are Determined to Keep Aggressive Union Men from Making a Living or Residing in Deer Lodge-Big **Caesar Wants His Feudal Estates** in Peaceful Repose

INDIVIDUALS ABOVE

FRANCHISE LAW

Conley and McTague Run Waterworks in Deer Lodge in Violation of State Law and Democratic Control

When any person or corporation | the politics of this section of the state desires to operate a system of water have to receive compensation from works in any city in Montana, a fran-, the men who aspire to be governor, Attorney General, or United States chise must first be obtained from the Senators. Conley & McTague deliver city in which it does business. Some corporations have corrupted city the goods to Tom Carter and the word councils in order that they might se- goes out to the members of the legis lature to leave Conley & cure a franchise. Now this is imposalone in their methods of mulching sible as the law states that all franthe state. The convicts laid the wachise grants must be submitted to a ter system that supplies the penitenvote of the people for ratification. tiary with water, the state fed and In Deer Lodge it is a little different clothed the convicts and now pays from other cities of the state. Conrent for the water that is used in the ley & McTague own a whole water penitentiary. works themselves, and sell water to In other cities in Montana, permits the residents of West Deer Lodge in have to be granted by the city officials open competition to the water combefore any one can dig a trench in pany that secured a franchise from the street for water service pipes. In the city. Conley & McTague did not Deer Lodge it is different. When Conley & McTague build a house and desire water put in same, a bunch of giving them a franchise, they just convicts armed with pick and shovels, went and laid the pipes and that was escorted by armed guards, leave the all there was to it. In fact Conley & penitentiary and proceed to the scene McTague have the Helena Water comof operation and dig the trenches, and pany beat to a fare ye well. in some cases we have been informed, do the plumbing.

THE CLASS WAR IN DEER LODGE.

The powers that be in Deer Lodge are still attempting to disrupt organized labor. J. P. Mueller, president of the Retail Clerks' Union, was recently discharged on account of slackness of trade, and he endeavored to start a boarding house, but the property owners refused to rent him one, even after he had a house rented from a real estate agent, he was notified a few days later-just as he was about to move into the house, that he could not get the house as the proprietor did not care to have him for a tenant. Mueller then tried to rent other houses but met with refusal everywhere.

The union men of Deer Ipdge then took to discussing the matter and came to the conclusion that there was a conspiracy on foot to force Mueller to leave the city, and they concluded to band together and set Mueller up in a boarding and rooming house, and keep him in town as he is a first class union man with considerable executive ability... At this stage of the game William Antill, secretary of the District Lodge of the Machinists on the Milwaukee railway, decided to rent a house and start a boarding house in partnership with Mueller. Antil who is a young single man, rented a house for \$25.00, paid one month rent and asked for a year's lease. The lease was agreed upon, and the agent who rented the house promised to prepare the lease contract in a few days and have it signed up. Antil was not satisfied with this and wanted the lease prepared at once, but the agent pleaded rush of business and overwork, and said that he would give his word of honor that he would make out the lease according to the verbal agreement. Mueller then moved into the house and was in it five days when the agent went to Antil and offered him the \$25.00 rent back saying that the proprietor who is connected with the banking business in Deer Lodge, did not want the building used as a boarding house, although it was expressly understood between the agent and Antil that the house was to be a boarding house Antil refused to accept the \$25.00 rent back, and both Mueller and he refused to leave the house until the year's lease is up or until they are evicted by the court. Antil was given to understand that he could have the house provided Muelles did not live in it. Mueller is a respectable, lawabiding citizen and has held positions of trust in more than one mercantile company.

UNION AMALGAMATION **VS. UNION ISOLATION** Joint Committee American Federation of Labor and Western Federation of Miners Unite all Workers in Mining Industry

The joint committe of the United| The work of the borers from within Mine Workers and the Western Fed- in the A. F. of L. is having its effect. eration of Miners have submitted their The A. F. of L. is being revolutionized report to their respective organizations on the federation of the two unions. The committee recommend that the Western Federation of Miners apply for a charter from the Amer- trial unionism in America. The subican Federation of Labor and after the Western Federation have become affiliated with the A. F. of L. that the United Mine Workers and the Western Federation jointly form a mining department of the A. F. of L. and apply for a mining department charter from the executive committee of the A. F. of L. Both organizations are to retain their present jurisdiction; the United Mine Workers to have jurisdiction over all coal miners, and the Western Federation of Miners jurisdiction to cover all metaliferous miners, and the organizers of both organizations to assist in the work of organizing of all classes of miners.

and is running away from Gompers, and is headed towards the principles of industrial unionism. In fact the A. F. of L. is going to be the organization that is going to pr division of the A. F. of L. with departments controlling all crafts in a certain industry is all that any industrial unionists can desire at pressent. The formation of a mining department of the A. F. of L., taking in all classes of miners, and the perfecting of the organization of the dement of railway employees will thoroughly organize the greatest industries in North America; and these two departments acting jointly in any labor controversy rgainst the corporations will make the general strike possible in America, and tie up all the industries in Canada, the United States and Mexico. In fact the affillation of the Western Federation of Miners with the A. F. of L. and the perfecting of the department of mining and transportation will create in America one of the greatest combina-

have to corrupt a city council to

When the Helena Water Works want to dictate to the city they go into court and get a judge to issue the mandates, but in Deer Lodge the mandates of the Feudal Lords are sufficient.

A number of years ago Conley & McTague took up a body of water, of doing business with the Clerks' known as Lake Irving, under the Union, have applied to the district Stone Act. This lake for twenty years used to be a summer resort for the citizens of Deer Lodge, and since Conley & McTague have taken up the water right, no one is allowed near fuse to pay the increase of sent on this beautiful lake or to fish in same, the grounds that there was a verbal unless he has a permit from Conley & McTague, and then to be surroundare everywhere. The convicts dug clerks' strike. At this time we are the ditch for the water main and laid the water pipes right into the city of Deer Lodge. The water was intended to furnish a water supply for the penitentiary but the politicians of the state did not care to construct a water system for the state prison but just alow Conley & McTague to file on the state that is used in the pen. The politicians, the members of the Montana legislature did not want to interdeliver county delegations and control start with in life.

And all this is done in competition with wage labor. How would you like to have a Mon-

tana State Prison graft?

The merchants of Deer Lodge whose store rent was increased fifty per cent by Conley, because they were in favor court for an injunction against the Deer Lodge Realty Co.-Conley's real estate firm-to enjoin the said company from evicting them from their store buildings. The- merchants re egreement that they were to have the use of the store buildings until Janed and spied upon by convicts, who had been paying Conley before the to attack universal suffrage, as guarunable to say whether or not the injunction has been granted.

Word comes from Deer Lodge that Conley & McTague have sold one of their farms. This farm was worked by ninety convicts who lived on the farm, instead of in the prison. The convicts labored from daylight to dark on the farm, the state paid for their keep, water right and sell the water to the and Conley & McTague took the proceeds from the sale of the produce and all the convicts got is a measly five dollars allowed them by the state when they are discharged from the

... Mueller is a good union man and the Conleyites are determined to do all in their power to have him leave Deer Lodge.

STORMY SCENE IN GERMAN REICHSTAG

The session of the Reichstag open- monstation on the part of the soed with a stormy scene, growing out lalists.

Reassured by Chancellor.

of an interpellation by the socilaiists asking Chancellor Bethmann von Hollweg what had induced him in his replied, assuring the house that the uary 1912, at the same rent as they Prussian suffrage speech in the dist universal suffrage of the empire was secure from any attack by the imperlal government or the bundesrath. anteed by the imperial constitution.

Dr. Frank, socialist, referring to the chancellor's remark that a democratic franchise exercised an evil and degenerating influence upon political moister-president. rals, inquired whether the reichstag was willing to hear such a criticism national-liberal party, said the chanof universal suffrage from the chancellor had taken back nothing a d cellor. He was asked what would had not confessed himself to be a be happen to a chancellor who asserted liever in universal suffrage. that in many speeches the emperor had exercised an "evil and degenrating influence."

Dr. Frank's comment caused an up- usher in the wildest possible political roar on the right. Vice President struggle. It would mean the beginfere with the graft. The men who prison. Five dollars to take a new Spah finally called Frank to order, ing of grave troubles and probably of L. or isolation from the rest of orwhich action aroused a counter de-l of revolutionary movements.

The report of the joint committee is the best that could be devised for the interests of both organizations and labor in general. The convention of the United Mine Workers, tions of labor that the world has ever composed of 1,500 delegates, ratified seen.

the report of the committee, and the applying for a charter from the A. F. F. of L. of L is to be submitted to a referendum of the membership of that organization.

The only objection that is liable to Chancellor Bethmann von Hollweg be raised will be with the Western Federation as a large number of the members of that organization is opposed to Gompers. However, it is to be Herr Groeber, clerical, pointed out hoped that the western miners will the conflict between Dr. Bethmann lay aside their prejudice against Gomvon Hollweg' position as chancellor pers and vote for industrial solidarity. of the empire and as Prussian min-The American Federation of Labor

Ernest Bassirmann, leader of the has a membership of over two and a half million, and is the dominant labor organization in the country and will remain the dominant labor organization in spite of all its critics. All

Nevertheless, Bassirmann, said ,he was convinced that any attempt to the unions are affiliating, and the overthrow universal suffrage would question that confronts the Western Federation is affiliation with the A. F. ganized labor in the country.

Craft isolation is rapidly giving way question of the Western Federation to industrial solidarity within the A.

Billings Wants Convicts on Road.

"We are not so much interested in how many gunny sacks can be made by the convicts in the state penitentiary as we are in the number of rods of good roads than can be constructed by the involuntary laborers of the state," says the Billings Gazette. "Keep up the agitation for better roads and the chances are that we will soon find the proper sort of employment for every convict within the state of Montana."

The above item will bear out the claim of the News, that eastern Montana is interested in getting convicts to work on the public roads.

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LENA MORROW-LEWIS.

Mrs. Lewis who has just been elect

ed to the National Executive Commit-

tee , is the first woman to serve in that

capacity, and the large vote accorded

her is a tribute to the esteem in which

her work and intellect are held by

the socialists throughout the country.

Mrs. Lewis is an old friend of the

writer, their association dating back

from schoolgirl days. Her father is

a United Presbyterian minister, a pas-

tor in the denomination in which the

deponet was also reared. She grad-

uated at the United Presbyterian col-

lege at our home town, Monmouth,

Ill. Needless to say we have both

wandered out of the old superstitions.

Mrs. Lewis has made reh reputation on

her fearless advcoacy of the material-

After graduting she became

teacher, and her parents moved to

Paxton, Ill., where her father had

charge of the U. P. church, and

where I was a teacher in the high

in the work of the Illinois W. C. T.

U., myself becoming an organizer, and

Lena becoming an active speaker

worker and delegate. We passed by

apparently the same evolutionary

stages into the work of the National

Woman Suffrage Asociation, both of

us becoming national organizers, and

both of us going through the state

amendment campaigns of South Da-

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WHERE ARE THE IMPOSSIBIL ISTS NOW?

The returns from the national election on officials and referendums show that the American socialist party has responded emphatically to the challenge of the direct actionists. The members elected on the Executive ommittee are Robert Hunter, Victor Berger, Morris Hilquit, John Spargo, Lena Morrow-Lewis, Geo. H Goebel, and Jas. F. Carey-all persons standing for a strong constructive, political policy. Even the seven who were the second choice are all noted for the same constructive building policy in the party. The American socialist party does not depend on the "direct action" methods of the centuries of the past. It has no idea of building Rome in a day.

The result of this election is encouraging. Hunter and Berger head the list-the two men most noted in America for their strong advocacy of practical, constructive tactics in Amerrican socialism. Hilquit and Spargo are equally persistent in demanding that American socialists do something besides talk and fight each other ..

Mrs. Lewis is the first woman ever elected on the National Executive Committee. A hard and earnest worker herself, she is most anxious to see effective work done in the party, and is a victim of no utopian delusions as to noise and threatening phrases.

Geo. H. Goebel is another active kota and Oregon.

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there is a wave of contempt for polit- the capitalist enegies, for the capital- ence, culture are on a foundation that ical action on the part of the workhas proven itself incapable of political action. It has allowed itself to be carried away by trivial, unimwhile the great needs of working-By a referendum carried at the election also the present committee serves two years. So it will have the element of time to assist it in carrying forward some strong policies. ence of this upon the conduct of the of the universe. The foolish, Chinese-complicated system of voting, affixed on a sufferworking class. Today even such coun-

ing membership by John M. Work, has likewise passed into oblivion with the referendum. It has inflicted the party with its first and last abortion. The Texas referendum to disband the party as a substitute for the constitution was also, overwhelmingly placid fatalist.

> throws a strong warning to the war- all true progress. like tendency that is agitating the nations with Dreadnaughtism, and says, "The revolutionary working class cannot be watchful enough and must impose its collective wish for peace, and must bring collective resistance against any further imperialistic expansion of capitalism, against any kind of war." The backward nations and coun-

tries, as well as the isles of the sea recognize that in the revelopment of these countries and the exploiting of them there is a sufficient realm of operation to carry capitalism forward for a thousand years, even with modern machinery.

The rapid advent of civilization in Asia and Africa is bringing about a condition of affairs in modern capitalism that is creating causes for warfare among the dominant nations fraught with impending disaster to the progress of democracy, and as menacing as the world's land-grabbing that precipitated the wars into which the monarchies were plunged the latter part of the eighteenth century.

The present indications are that only a revolutionary proletariat organized in the labor movement and socialist party and working through international co-operation can hew a way to democratic institutions that will transfer the process of expansion to the working class instead of the capitalist class. of the world'

ist class seem to have entered a new breaks under our feet at any time. ing class, because the socialist party period of expansion and comativeness The mind continually runs up against that could absorb and paralyze all inexplicable phenomena. But a other tendencies. And if the capital- knowledge of the life, and the thought ist class, inebriate with their modern and the actions, and the desperate portant and selfish, personal affairs, industrial success and feeling in them- toil and struggle, and the crimes and selves a stirring of a life capable of their cause, and the abnormal sex life new conquests, will give up-as it can of those who toil gives a satisfactory easily be foreseen-all prudence and and sound point of departure for all every foresight, then a new phase of other knowledge. And when to this billicose conflicts may begin between is added the power of social analysis the various countries. And it is im- inherent in the socialist philosophy, possible to forcast the extreme influ- the student ho'ds the key to the riddle

> No wonder that the scholars in the tries as are trade cautious and not economic realm of modern production inclined to martial adventures are full have characterized the philosophy, of warcry and military preparations." that is the emancipation of the age, Not only is the folly seen of such as the proletarian philosophy. So asinine predictions as that "sscialism we find that, philosoph,y and, truth will come in five years", or ,'in 1912", meet, for the first time in human or "the next election', but a total lack thought, on the ground of justice to of socialist spirit is manifest in the the builders of the world, and the science art, and culture that brave-Adon Por, the Hungarian socialist, ly recognize this as the foundation of

> > So from the drop of sweat that exudes from the brow of the peon to the profoundest w rd that the brain of man has conceived, labor is the dominant and constructive force in the whole world. And the socialist move ment is clearing the way to operate intelligently

> > > SOCIAL MURDER.

An account of a recent hanging has this paragraph: "The murderer was an opium eater and a physical wreck. He had to be carried to the chair, but his body exhibited remarkable itality in the execution."

How long will society simply ansver brutishness with more brutishness? It is inhuman, brutal and univilized to kill a human being. When ociety performs this act it admits that it is uncivilized, that it has no remedy for the brutal instincts that devour it. An advanced and just society will aim to breed and nurture normal human beings, and will establish institutions to make it possible to do this

The national socialist party election on national officers and referendums Blatchford-Merrie England. has just been completed. Montana Connolly-Socialism Made Easy. had no vote on the most important Deville-The State and Socialism; Socontest that has ever been before the par Jan Mo



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practical man in the party. He has been a national organizer for many years and has traveled all over the country. Speaking and organizing selling literature, and agitating for socialism. He has an alert mind, i of the working class, and knows the needs of the party. His influence on the committee will undoubtedly give a great impetus to an aggressive polley.

Jas. F. Carey has already a reputation of many years' standing in the party as a practical politician. The socialist party needs these badly, one of which is worth a thousand hot-air peddlers. Carey acquired valuable experience in working class action in government during his terms of service as a socialist member of the Massachusetts legislature. He is on to the crooks and needs of the socialist party.

Comrade A. M. Simons was defeat ed for the committee. But this is not to be wondered at. He was the one who led most strenuously the fight in favor of a constructive policy, against the impossibilitists, and in favor of espousing joint issues with the trade unionists. He naturally drew the heaviest fire of the opposition who were opposing the old commttee. But as he so openly and aggressively came to the rescue of a sane and rational policy he can well afford to be content that he himself is not on the committee so long as a committee has been chosen that will work their oars and say, "Socialism is comfor the policies he has advocated. ing anyway", who think that the mills Four of the old committee, a majority, has been elected.

It is to be hoped that now some active measures will be taken to over- paragraph from Arthur Labrida may are unmistakably confusing the labor possibilities of capitalism: movement of the west at present, and

Our evolution was similar out of the orthodox religious interpretation of the universe, and into modern ac cult thought, both of us at one time being lecturers and co-called demon stratos along this line. We reached familiar with the sectional interests the scientific interpretation by study and the acquiring of facts

> I became a socialist through th populist road, and Mrs. Lewis through the anarchist. We began the propaganda of socialism atsabout the same

time, Mrs. Lewis at one time editing a socialist paper in Portland. She has a powerful analytical and progressive intellect, is a despiser of

shams and superstitions of all kinds and nobly and courageously asserts her convictions and lives her life in accordance. She is one of the women who is making a pathway to freedom She is patient worker, a powerful speaker, and a thorough organizer. Her presence on the Executive Committee cannot but be a strong force

for practical measures.

It is with much admiration and the warmest friendship that I am glad to be able to give this testimony to the ability of the woman who comes into the directing work of the Socialist Party of America.

IDA CROUCH-HAZLETT.

CONSCIOUS ACTION THE ONLY SAVIOR.

As a sugestive warning to those socialists who are content to rest upon of the gods will evolve them into an industrial heaven without any undue

pangs on their part, the following come the direct action tendencies that convey some idea of the developing

"It is not wise to count upon an rendering inert and powerless the automatic development of capitalism socialist parties west of the Mississip- to a final clash, and it is not safe to pi river. We need not deny that rely upon an alleged degeneracy of

peace means the preservation of emancipation to the working class.

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THE PROLETARIAN PHILOSOPHY

How deeply run the roots of these common, material things that the human must do to have its comfort, its hig leisure, its very existence. The world has despised labor. It has gagged it, and bound it, and chained it to the lowest and most sordid part of life. Its part has been ugliness, and ignorance, and disease, and animal-like quarreling, and bitter, unceasing, soul-

wracking toil.

mu The art, the beauty, the comfort, the safety, the freedom of life has been all in strata far removed from labor and its misfortunes. But these fortunates ones, though they hold largely the desirable things of life, yet there is one gift that they can not hold. To know life really, to 7 have a correct interpretation of the events and the moving pageant of the world, to be based on the solid rock of truth and things as they are, one has got to know this whole seething an labor life, the cause of its miseries. the source of the thoughts and the actions that emanate therefrom, what it is that produces the character that

we find in the labor class. Without this knowledge, art ,sci- 15



ntest that has ever been before the	tionalism.	Spargo-The Socialists.
rty. During the five years that mes D. Graham was state secretary ontana never missed a vote on a na- nal referendum, and this with the	Engels.—Socialism, Utopian and Sci- entific. Liebknecht—Socialism, What It Is.	Teichman—Life and Death. Untermann—Science and Revolution. Blind; Vital Problems in Social Evolution.
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Wisconsin Notes.

DORMANT.

The Milwaukee Socialists will hold their platform convention Feb. 26 at Ethical Hall. The city and ward tickets of the Socialist-Democratic party have already been chosen by talist consequently increasing. referendum vote of the party membership. When our platform is adopted we shall be regularly in the field. The first distribution of campaign literature will be made on Sunday, Feb. 20, when the city will be covered with a leaflet entitled "Why the Social Democrats will carry the city." This leaflet will be distributed from house to house by our organized volunteer workers.

Ald, Weiley (Social-Democrat), re alizing that the lower ranks of police men are a species of wage slaves, in troduced in the Milwaukee city council a resolution granting them an "off" of a straight twenty-four hours every fifteen days. The chief of police claimed that this would destroy "discipline' and the resolution was pigeon-holed in a committee. The rank and file of the police in Milwaukee realizes that after all the socialists are the only ones who look upon them interest and profit, and the rate of as human beings and many policemen

the workers now receive in wages legs price as well as by fluctuation of monthan half the value their labor pro ey wages. If money wages remain duces-probably between 40 and 50 unchanged, a rise of prices means a per cent. And it is certain that this

fall of real wages, and vice versa. If proportion is steadily declining, and prices and money wages rise or fall the proportion retained by the capitogether at the same rate, real wages

are unchanged. In the manufacturing industries o the Unnted States, according to th census of 1890, the total wage amounted to \$1,891,000,000 and the others falling, and the general tendentotal surplus-value to at least \$1,688, 000,000; according to the census 1900, the total wages amounted to a general upward tendency of prices \$2,327,000,000 and the total surplus especially of the principal necessities value to at least \$2,309,000,000; in

of life. Taking the working class as reality, the amount of surplus-value a whole, real wages have been apin each of these years was consider preciably declining since about 1890. ably greater than here stated. The Causes of Rise in Prices .--- The reimportant point is that the growth of surplus-value is more rapid than that of wages, and has certainly over causes. taken it by this time, even on the showing given by the census. Mining

the supply of gold has increased more ing him back to Japan. transportation, and other branches o rapidly than at any othertime since capitalist industries would probably have been found and cheaper me-Rent, Interest, and Profit.-Th thods of mining and smelting inventcapitalists' share in divided into rent ed. The value and price of gold have provisions, hospital fees, this division varies continually. In

rages are affected by fluctuations of labor-as much as the railroad needs The Trading company gets a generous rakeoff from each man, while the laborers themselves, ignorant helpless unable to speak English, think them selves fortunate to get a job.

The men go to work for \$1.35 a day,

but of this the Trading Company gets During the greater part of the cap- 15 cents a day for getting them the italist period in this country some job. Also it supplies the provisions, commodity prices were rising and at a fat profit, as the railroads carry the goods for nothing, and they cy was downward. During the last charge the men at an advance of what two decades, however, there has been they could buy them in the neighborhood.

In case of accident, each worker may receive damages from the railroad through the trading company But the damages are more often not paid. When they are paid, the cent rise of prices is not lonfined to amount usually does not exceed from the United States. It has two main \$300 to \$400 for fracturedlegs or for arms cut off. That would be barely 1. During the last twenty-five years enough to pay the expenses of send-

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secretly vote the Social-Democratic general, the proportion going to rent ticket.

A non-partisan anti-high-price mass slowly declining and the proportion of meeting was called for Feb. 15 by the the total surplus-value appropriated Milwaukee Federated Trades Council Among the speakers who addressed strictly so called, shows a general tenthe meeting were A. M. Simons, edit- dency to increase. or of the Chicago Daily Socialist, and

Mother Jones. This so hurt the feelings of Senator Stephenson's orga the Free Press, that it indulged in of the middle class, and an increase several columns of abuse against the in the share appropriated by large meeting. It had a great dael to say capitalists who actively control proabout the "poor attendance" of the duction.

meeting, although the hall was packed to the doors, and many were obliged to stand. The real grievance of this capitalist sheet was that the capitalist politician who addressed the meeting cut a poor figure, having no remedy to offer except the enforcement of the law and investigation of facts which our pocket-books already understand all too well, while the Socialist speakers made ringing addresses which were roundly applauded. Resolutions that the people must own the trusts were adopted by the audience without one dissenting vote.

As the spring election approaches the old party politicians are getting more and more uneasy. The probability that the socialist will carry Milwaukee is becoming the talk of the town. It is announced that the Republicans and Democrats will unite in nine wards to beat the socialists. No better proof could be given of the scare we are given the capitalistic politicians. Nor can anything more clearly show the spread of socialist sentiment in Milwaukee than this one fact that we are driving the old parties to unite.

The state office of the Nebraska sostate secretary, issues a state bulletin ism entered the period of concentra- aside from habit or sentiment. once a month. It is a useful and tion. The apparent paradox-that bright little publication with all the the average rate of wages for the party news in it.

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exchanging values, this fall in its val is increasing. The rate of interest is ue appears as a rise in the valus of

in this form is becoming less. Profit sapidly than the former.

show about the some proportions.

This means a reduction in the share going to mere investors, who are largely small capitalists or members Competition still prevails almost com

The average rate of wages for the

Tendency of Wages .- We must dis- It has been largely restricted in the the men in authority in the United tinguish nominal wages, the amount of money paid for labor, from real wages, the amount of food, clothing, jes, mines and railways enables a etc., which that money will buy. For small group of capitalists to control the present, we speak of nominal or money wages.

The rate of wages paid for various other food stuffs, of most clothing men each month from each branch kinds of labor have, on the whole, materials, etc. They are thus enabled who ask for transportation. They kept increasing through the whole period of capitalism in the United their normal price or value. States, rising more in periods of pros-The prevalence of monopoly price

perity than they fell in times of de- involves what may be caled a secondpression, their rise being accelerated ary exploitation in the process of exand their fal retarded by the action change, in addition to the regular exof the unions within the last forty ploitation of the wage workers in the Tacoma. It has been supplying layears. Employment has perhaps become somewhat less steady, which exploitation falls upon the wage workpartly offsets the rise of wage rates. ers (tending to lower their standard But, allowing for this, it is probable of living) and also upon the various that the average worker in almost middle classes, and it benefits only the every trade today gets more wages great capitalists, who have attained yearly than did the average worker some degree of monopoly. in that trade ever before.

Questions for Review.

whole working class is higher today 1. Give some ilustrations of nonthan it was immediately after the Civil War (when American capital- economic forces influencing the price ism began to expand) or at any pre- of goods. Instances of non-economic vious time. But it has declined forces influencing the wages of labor slightly within the last fifteen or 2. Name some of the ways in which cialist party with Clyde J. Wright as twenty years, since American capital- competition is checked or restrained

> 3. When an invention or other event causes one industry to decline and an whole working class declines while other to expand, why do wages in the

balance.

\$250,000 in Graft Annually. all other things. The result is an up-Something like \$29.70 a month each ward tendency both of commodity to subsist upon the men- a quarter of a milion every year to the comprices and of money wage ratesthough the latter, as usual, rise less pany-this is the way Jap "captains

of industry" have learned to capitalize 2. More important is the effect of the profits of the workingmen. the concentration of capitalist owner-J. J. Hill, the big boss, C .C. Takaship. As before shown, the law of hasi, president of the Oriental Tradvalue and its corollaries apply only ing Company, the immediate active in so far as competition prevails. boss, with hordes of smaller bosses, known as overseers or bookmen, scatpletely in the supply of labor power tered along the Hill lines-these are

supply of many commodities. Con- States as the Japanese laborer learns centration of the ownership of factor- when he strikes the northwest.

There are other cases of petty graft. The officials get free transportation the greater part of the supply of coal for the men then they charge them and ice, of meat, milk, and many for fare. Usually there are about ten

to exact prices for these things above pay one-third to one-half the regular fare. Also legal duties by the overseers and bookmen for pay.

There is anothercompany that is doing a similar business in the northwest, the Koji Kwaisha, located at productive process. This secondary borers for various different railroads, principally to the Tacoma Eastern. Last fall, the company made a contract with the Chicago and Puget Sound Railroad company to supply laborers. Already 500 men are working. These men are a little better ffo han those in the Oriental Trading company. Instead of \$1.20 a day. they are paid \$1.57 a day, a difference

of 37 cents. This difference is due partly to the nature of the work required.

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The Montana News is again being ublished, although not a party owned paper, yet the News will work to the interests of the party in every way and will in no wise hinder the development of the movement, but in every possible way work with all the forces at its command to make our party a success in the political field without making any compromise of principle.

To start the publication of the News again is an undertaking that is full should be in re-the working class. of difficulties, and heavy handicaps. The debts of the past are facing us and the creditors of the News when t was a party owned paper are still looking to us for payments, and this is very embarrassing in a business.

While waiting on the postoffice to grant the Montana News mailing privileges we had to deposit \$20.00 as a guarantee each week before the paper could go to its readers. A consignment of paper amounting to \$100 plus freight is now in transit from the east and this, with the spending of \$1,-500.00 in paying party debts in the seven months, together with legal expenses that we incurred while protecting ourselves in the courts where we there might not be so much dissatwere dragged by creditors and wreckers of the Old Montana News, has isfaction. our present available cash on hand ather low.

We do not ask for donations, but we want your good will, and your assistance in building up our circulation to 10,000. At present our circulation is only 3.550, a reduction of sixty per cent since last August. However, the circulation is on the increase as one hundred and eighty new the workers, poltically, the workers names were added to the mailing lis last week, and present indications do not recongnize the fact as yet, else are that one hundred new names will be added this week, over and above the number expiring.

Letters of encouragement are coming to us each day, especially from labor unions and men active in the anks of organized labor. Orders and promises of job work have come o us from three states outside Montana during the present week. The aggressive forces in the Labor Movement recognize that a paper that will fight the battles of organized labor is necessary and are willing to give all their support to the Montana News as it has been tried and not found wanting in the hour of need.

Before the Socialist Party can be a factor in Montana politics there must be at least 15,000 subscribers to socialist papers. At present the subscribers to socialist papers in Montana do not reach 5,000 or about seven and a half per cent of the voters. Therefore the greatest need of the socialist movement at the present moment is subscribers to socialist papers and until the people are reading socialist papers we cannot expect them to vote the socialist ticket.

The Montana News is going to take prominent part in organizing, educating and marshalling the press of the working class in the Northwest for political and economic action to the end that a constructive movement be built up that will bring immediate benefit to the working class and combat the aggressions of the non-producing class on the workers.

Belleving that you are in favor of a paper being firmly and securely established in the Northwest that will represent the interests of the tollers in the age-long struggle of liberty, we hope that you will give all the as sitance in your power to maintain such a paper.

We need two hundred new subscriptions each week. Will you help to secure the same? We need your help. The cause is yours as well as ours. All our time is given to the cause. Will you give a little of your time? Yours for Working Class Freedom

MONTANA NEWS.

Debt of Honor

There still remains a debt of \$700 contracted by the Socialist Party of Monana while it owned and was publishing the Montana News. The State Committee has done nothing to liquidate this debt, and the creditors are looking to those who are at present running the News for their money.

To pay the debt is an exceedingly

labor movement of the Northwest See that you fellow workers, both union and non-union, subscribe for the News. By reading the News each week the union man will become more active and aggressive in adthe non-union man will leave the

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Editor Montana News:-

Comrade Editor .- Your last issue of the Montana News, dated Feb. 10, contains a leading article headed What is the Matter with the Socialist Party ?"

In that article you lay many deficlencies at the door of the socialist party, and yon intimate the early formation of a "Labor Party" because the socialist party is not what it

Well much or all, of what you say may be true, but I opine that if the persons who are disposed to take the "trouble" to form a Labor Party will put that "trouble" into an effort to popularize the socialist movement,

The working people get only what they take from the masters, and if the socialist movement is an expression cf they would push the movement along

The fact is, Comrade Editor, that the workers, many of them, are buffaloed over the name "Socialist" Many workers are afraid their hos would find out they (the workers) were in league with the great enemy of boss exploitation, and lose out. If the working people want to do things politically, the socialist party is theirs to do it with. I don't think, sometimes, that the workers want to du anything, not even work, that is a big let of them don't and some of these organize labor parties and other funny things.

You also say that .'party laxness ! in striking contrast to the socialist convictions that exist throughout the working class in Montana". W:" that is the "trouble' lots of socialist convictions in Montana workers, but how about emphasizing those convictions? If, as you say, "Labor is disgusted with the socialist party", and that party expresses the labor convictions politically. See where labor is? Disgusted with itself, politically. Well, a factor in helping to advance the Comrade, that expresses the facts; labor is disgusted all around the circle but labor is itself to blame and must bear the dose. Organizing labor parties may galvanize but will not rejuvenate the labor political movement vancing the interests of his class and That can only be done by a renaissance in labor unionism. If the socialist movement is somnolent it is beranks of the unorganized and become cause a like condition envelops the la-

OUR TRADE UNION TACTICTS. Missoula, Feb. 16, 1910. By Robert Hunter.

There has been an interesting reival recently of discussion concerning the attitude of socialists toward 'he unions.

In nearly every other country of the world this question has been settled but with us it remains a bone of conntion

pressed itself plously as to our attiude toward the unions, but this is no more done than men here and there fly in the face of these resolutions and transgress all party decisions. For a time many of our comrades pursued here the policy of La Salle long after it was abandoned in Germany.

They then looked down upon the trade union movement; considered it as a sort of lightning rod conductor working to the detriment of the polit ical movement.

They then proclaimed that only the political movement could improve the conditions of the working class. ',Evrything else," as Bebel said, "they looked upon as palliative measures and as a division of strength."

Some comrades herehave condemned, as the La Fallians once did in Germany, the entire trade union movement.

Trade union leaders who opposed politics in the unions have been violently attacked, as they once were in Germany, as traitors to the working

class.

However, after failing to capture the trade union movement or to persuade trade unionists to abandon it some few comrades of the S. L. P. recklessly set out to ruin the unions by starting rival organizations.

Nor is this all. Again and again comrades have revived Robert Owen's utopian project for a national labor union comprising all classes and ranks of labor.

Even now a section of the movement 's seeking to revive the Proudhonianism which Marx so bitterly fought and destroyed.

Well known men in our ranks are today speaking contemptuously of the ballot and urging "direct action" as all sufficient.

Unfortunately these fads are usually advocated by men who call themselves Marxists although none should know so well as they that these precise fads were bitterly opposed by

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The Boiler Maker Helpers of Deer Lodge order 25 copies a week. Nine dollars from Deer Logde Fed-

eral Union for envelopes and letterhade.

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Any books advertised in the News will be sent postpaid on receipt of price. We are going to make a specialty of our book department. The City Journal. larger socalist papers are all cutting out their commercial advertising. The Nwes has always advocated this as a correct policy, and it was only the need of shekels that caused us to vary at times. We would rather give the space to advertising literature. If you buy enough books, we will not need to take the other advertising.

If you are a true socialist you will know that it is your duty to help strengthen a working class press. You can get two subs to-day if you try.

If you believe in unionism you should join the union and help to advance the interests of the workers on

the economic field.

From Kansas

This is the tallest corn story of the season and is being told among the traveling men over the state. It is said to have been in a letter written home by an eastern visitor. "Most of the Kansas streets are paved, grains of corn being used for cobblestones while the cobs are hollowed out for sewer pipe. The husk, when taken off whole and stood on one end, makes a nice tent for the children to play in. It sounds queer to hear the feed man tell the dirver to take a dozen grains of horse feed over to

Jackson's livery stable. If it were not for soft, deep soil here, I don't see how they would ever harvest the corn. as the stalks would grow up as high in the air as a Methodist church steeple. However, when the ears get too heavy their weight presses the

stalk down in the ground on an average of ninety-two feet; and this brings the ear near enough to the ground to be chopped off with an ax.-Kaphas

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they are asleep, or at leas Marx hypnotized by mammon and his co-

Why, the socialist party never was recognized by the great-labor-unionmovement in America. Labor union leaders were political supporters of their economic enemies and where the leaders lead the file follows.

T. D. CAULFIELD

Comrade Graham has been in twenty-seven unions in Montana since the first of the year. The Montana News is now going to 1,200 union mer in this state with its challenge of de-



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cerning the grievances pertaining to our industrial system. Few can volce better than Comrade Graham the injuries to his class. He is laying the broad foundation of a press that shall give the workers a voice and a power in the future. Men like Graham working for their class are what will make the freedom of the world some time to come.

If any of the readers of the New desire samples sent to their friends during the time we are dealing with the convict labor scandals, if they will send us lists of 20 names we will sample them for four weeks. In this way you can introduce to your friends the work that is being done to expose the graft of capitalist politicians by a vigorous and virile labor press.

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Are you tyring to get subs for the News? Only 50 cents, and you will help save all the good work that has been done here.

Fads are never new; they ar usually the revival of old curiosities which have had their day and have been cast aside.

And so the idea of a national labor union is not new; direct action is hoary with age; and syndicalism is the rebirth of a philosophy which Marx thought he had destroyed.

It is well for those who call them selves Marxists to realize therefore that these uptopian projects-what ever their merits-have nothing in common with the teachings of Marx Marx rarely agreed with La Salle; he classed Robert Owen as a Utopian; he did his utmost to destroy Proudhonianism and he never sheathed his sword in his battle with Backunine. Marx considered that the trade union, as every other movement would undergo the evolutionary pro-

He maintained that the trade union must evolve out of its own struggles -its defeats as well as its victoriesthe most potent form of united action. He never believed that any one

could bring down from the clouds some heaven born and ideal form of organization and impress that upon

the workers.

And so it was not until Marxism gained the upper hand in the international socitalist movement that trade unions were given proper recognition. Before that time they were flouted as useless or ineffective or temporary expedients.

They were condemned and their leaders despised until the Marxists came to the front.

Then it was that the Social-Democratic Labor Party put forward the following resolution which was unanimously adopted.

"In consideration of the fact, that the capitalist power equally oppresses and exploits all working men, no mat- by dropping out of the unions, spurn-

ter whether they are conservatives, ing their feeble efforts; thus separatprogressives, liberals, or Social-Demo- ing ourselves hopelessly from our felcrats, this congress declares it to be low workers.

the sacred duty of the working men to lay aside all party strife, in order to create the conditions for a vigorous and successful resistance on the neutral ground of a united trades union organization, to secure their threatened existence and to conquer for themselves an improvement in their class conditions."

That resolution, deciding the trade union policy of the Socialist of Germany, has been tested by thirty-eight years' experience.

Loyally and consistently followed that policy has enabled the Germans to build up the most powerful trade union movement in Europe and at the same time the most powerful political movement.

Now let us see how clear our own tactics are.

Some of us call the trade unionists "pure and simplers" and then form "industrial" unions that scoff at the ballot

All of us declare that we want to unite the workers of the world and some of us start by forming as many rival unions as possible.

We all say we are Marxian socialists yet some of us advocate and prac tice the views of Robert Owen, Utopist, of Proudhon, Mutuallist, and of Backunine, Anarchist.

Most of say that we must have a political movement and an industrial movement each enjoying independent action, yet some of us still insist upon our party declining in its national conventions the tactics to be pursued by the industrial movement.

We all say we must convert the working class and some of us begin

Because a few leaders became corrupt or the flunkies of rich men we condemn entire organizations of the working class as tools of capitalism.

Our policies and tactics are to the extent of this confusion utterly incoherent. We get nowhere because we drive in no one direction with any consistency.

The English movement has pursued tactics different from the German movement; the German different from the French; the French different from the Austrian and Belgian.

But each movement has for a generation held strictly to a clear, well defined line of action.

And in every one of these countries Marxian Socialism is today a power and in this country it will become a power as soon as we ourselves are united in clear, consistent policies and tactics, not only as a political movement, but in our attitude toward all other existing working class organizations

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