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Says the News is O. K.

Butte, Mont., Aug. 29.
J. H. Walsh, Helena, Mont.
Dear Sir and Comrade: Enclosed you will find a clipping that one of the comrades handed me the other day and I thought it would be a very good article to print in The News if you see fit and have space for it. It is:

"But, says some one, is there any use in our making an effort? Are not all the bankers of this country, all of the trusts and great corporations of this country, all of the powerful forces of this country, is not the fashion of this country, are not the drawing rooms and the clubs of this country now controlled by concentrated and corrupt wealth? Are they not growing stronger every year, and do they not vilify and attempt to crush everybody that does not submit? Can anything be accomplished in the way of curbing this great force and protecting the American people?"

My friends, let me cite you a parallel: George William Curtis and other writers of his day have described the slave power back in the 50's. They tell us that slavery sat in the White House and made laws in the capital; that courts of justice were its ministers; that senators and legislators were its lackeys; that it controlled the professor in the lecture room, the editor in his sanctum, the preacher in his pulpit; that it swaggered in the drawing room; that it ruled at the clubs; that it dominated with iron hand all the affairs of society; that every year enlarged its power, every moon increased

its dominion; that the men and the women who dared to even question the divinity of that institution were ostracized, were persecuted, were vilified—aye, were hanged.

"But the great clock in the Chamber of the Omnipotent never stands still. It ticked away the years as it had once ticked away the centuries. Finally it struck the hour and the world heard the tread of a million armed men, and slavery vanished from America forever. Note the parallel. Today the syndicate rules at the White House and makes laws at the capital; courts of justice are its ministers, senators and legislators are its lackeys. It controls the preacher in his pulpit, the professor in his lecture room, the editor in his sanctum; it swaggers in the drawing room; it rules at the clubs; it dominates with a rod of iron the affairs of society. Every year enlarges its power; and the men and women who protest against the crimes that are being committed by organized greed in this country—who talk of protecting the American people—are ostracized, are vilified, are hounded and imprisoned. It seems madness to even question the divinity of the American Syndicate. But, my friends, that great clock is still ticking—still ticking. Soon it will again strike the hour, and the world will not see one million, but ten million free men rise up, armed not with muskets, but with freemen's ballots, and the sway of the syndicate will vanish from America forever."—Extract from speech delivered by John P. Altgeld in the Auditorium, Oct. 22, 1900.

Well, comrade, your paper is all O. K. and I hope you will get a good big subscription list. I am sorry that Comrade Hughes did not do better in Butte than he did but I don't think that he went after the boys strong enough.

Comrade Walsh, there are about 15 or 18 of the comrades in Butte that are going down into their pockets for from \$2.50 to \$5.00 per month to help keep speakers in Montana. Last night I read a letter from Comrade Hazlett where she had a fine street meeting in Helena and the comrades took up a collection of \$6.70 and turned over \$3.60 to Comrade Hazlett. Now I think that was wrong. I think all money that is collected on Comrade Hazlett's tour should go to the state committee and not be held by any locals; let the locals go down in their own jeans if they want to do anything for the Socialist party, the same as the comrades are doing in Butte.

Yours for the Socialist party.
L. A. VAN HORNE.

Butte Comrades

On the Move.

Mrs. Ida Crouch-Hazlett has returned to Butte after a month's successful lecturing tour throughout the state, where she was well received and expresses much satisfaction over the future outlook for Socialism.

John Spargo, the renowned Socialist orator of New York, will lecture in Butte on the evenings of the 23d, 24th and 25th of September at the Auditorium and the "little giant," Walter Thomas Mills, will speak on Socialism at the Broadway theater on the afternoon of Sept. 25th. All should avail the opportunity of hearing these two great and able champions of social economy.

Arrangements have been completed for the reception and address on October 3d of Eugene V. Debs, nominee on the national Socialist ticket for president of the United States.

The first regular meeting of the Silver Bow county central committee has been called by Chairman Holden for Wednesday evening, Sept. 7th. All members are requested to be present.

The demonstrations of the great labor unions in Butte and elsewhere throughout the state on Sept. 5th proved the mighty power of the laboring classes to regulate happier conditions for themselves and their fellow mortals if they can only be brought to see and understand how to use this strength of the majority judiciously, and the principles of Socialism alone can show them the way. Much enthusiasm was manifested in the celebration and it is said that the parade was the largest in the history of Butte.

Comrade O'Mally, nominee for governor on the state Socialist ticket, was orator of the day at Missoula Sept. 5th.

Another vote was taken on the question for location for the state Socialist headquarters last Monday evening in Butte Local No. 1. This time the points mentioned were Butte and Livingston. Why this seemingly useless bone of contention bobbing up continually? If the recent votes have had no power to settle this matter, what reason have we to believe that this one will succeed in the effort?

Mrs. Ida Crouch-Hazlett of Denver attended the Labor day celebration at Basin Monday, Sept. 5th, where she addressed a large audience on the principles of Socialism. Mrs. Hazlett will speak on the streets of Butte sev-

eral evenings during each week in September, and on October 1st she will leave for the east, where she has been called by the national committee to enter the fall campaign work of Ohio and Pennsylvania.

A vote was taken and carried at the regular meetings of the Butte locals regarding the one-day wage propaganda assessment, which was in compliance with the vote of the last state convention.

A new local has just been added to the state at Boulder, Mont., and another one is expected soon to organize at Big Timber.

Socialism in the Schools

Socialism in the schools will ever command the attention of progressive thinkers. There are few men or women who are not Socialists to a degree. I know of none but Romanists who are not champions of our public school system, or who would not fight for its continuance and extension, yet the public school system is Socialistic. If it is proper to educate the young in schools established and maintained by the public, why is it not equally proper for the public to establish industries upon which the youth, so educated, must depend for a livelihood? Why should the public train a youth till his majority, then turn him over to the tender mercies of a murdering system of economic slavery to struggle and partly starve and finally to drop into his grave a victim to the voracious man-hog? Socialists are lovers of their kind; they believe that man is the product of the same great force from which springs all other evidences of nature; they believe that, like them, he is a merger of atoms which are a part of the everlasting universe; that there exists for his sake, as well as for the regulation of the atmosphere, water, fire, gravity, a law which is harmony, and that the nearer he approaches harmony the nearer he approximates happiness, the nearer he comes to the paradise of kindred atoms that are working out their several missions in trees, in worms, the lily, the sun and the moon. Socialists believe man to be a social being, that he thrives best, as does vegetation, in company with his fellows, and that the greater the harmony and the closer the fellowship the happier he is, hence their contention that society should make the most of each and every member thereof; that beginning with birth, he should be surrounded with the purest influences till he returns to dust. Socialists believe that the natural tendencies of every child should be ascer-

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tained and developed till he is competent to perform his share of the labor of life and that the public, through its agent, the government, should bestow upon him a life-long opportunity to utilize his proclivity. One of the fundamental tenets of Socialism is: No one capable of laboring can live without labor; drones of the stock exchange, of the pulpit as well as of the highway and brakebeam, will be measured by their usefulness to society.

Primaries in Fergus Co.

The Republican primaries were of the kind to be expected from that "very respectable business element" which controls the party. Well dressed, sleek labor skippers not alone engineered the day's business but also did about all of the voting; there was nothing to disturb the serenity of the proceedings; the delegates as selected by the ring were elected without opposition.

On the Lewistown delegation to the democratic convention the majority are Citizens' Alliance men, but the republicans go them one better, for with the possible exception of three all are members of the notorious association which is in rebellion against constitutional authority in Colorado.

On next Saturday the conventions of both old parties will meet and place in nomination candidates selected for them by men who make that their business. Many are wondering if they will fuse as they did in the election last spring. And it is generally believed that the democrats will indorse Judge Cheadle, even if they don't fuse on all the ticket. All that prevents fusion is two hungry sets of office-seekers looking for a county job, but after this campaign the boldest hearted old partyite will concede the necessity of fusion to fight the young giant of Socialism.

Cascade County Socialist Convention

A mass convention of the Socialist party of Cascade county, is hereby called to meet Saturday, September 10, at 8 p. m., at Room 11, Conrad building, Great Falls, for the purpose of nominating a county ticket and the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the convention.

By order of county central committee.
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