

State Department

Comrade Faussett of Stevensville orders \$5.00 of due stamps for his local.

Big Jim Roberts sends in \$2.00 to pay his dues as member at large.

Topel orders \$5.00 worth more of stamps for Local Bozeman.

Comrade Redfield of West End sends in \$2.10 for dues.

An order for fourteen due stamps was received from Comrade Redfield of Local West End.

Fred Cuning of Missoula orders \$5.00 worth more of stamps.

Frank Smith sends in \$1.50 for subs from Stanford.

Peter Gorge of Cascade county sends News his subscription for one year.

Comrade Young sends in three subs from Belt. Our circulation is still on the upward tendency in Cascade county.

Lindeman of Miles City sends his renewal for another year. Can't get along without The News.

Seventeen subs from the Trades and Labor council of Pocatella, and assurances of job work in the near future. On Monday night the council held an open meeting for the sake of aiding a more efficient organization contracts are about to expire. Lunch was served and speeches were made, and a good time enjoyed by all. A committee of representatives from the different unions was appointed to aid and support the girls in their efforts. The Socialists offered them their room for a meeting hall free of cost.

Better begin to get subs to establish local socialist papers. The German-Socialist party has sixty-three dailies. Our political fight will never amount to much until we have a local press behind it. Five Montana News sub cards \$2.50.

Agitation, education, organization, construction—do something.

The person that only gratifies as a hat our pumper to bring about the revolution will soon share the sad fate of any old mind-boy—collapse. Do something.

Our old friend, Tom Rooney, formerly of the Livingston machinists and an active worker in the Montana Socialist party, is now enrolled among the machinists of Pocatello. Comrade A. Mahoney informs us that since the reorganization of the local he is about to become a member and go in for all the trouble he can make. Tom was never behind when it came to working class action, and we predict that Local Pocatello will do something if he gets to work.

Complaints are still coming in, in regard to the miscarriage of orders in the last few months. If you have had trouble with your business let us know about it. One order given weeks ago, when the complaint reached the office was finished and sent out the same day with a letter explaining the circumstances. The News is still doing business at the old stand and we will please you as far as our working class methods will permit.

Twenty subs in from Comrade Langford of the Coeur d'Alens. The crowd out there always stands pat when trouble is scented for working class interests.

The News still has about a thousand copies of "machine politics" on hand. They make excellent campaign material for the city elections. A story that tells the truth of election corruption and fraud. Bright red covers, 10 cents each; \$1.00 a dozen.

Stop abstracting and faultfinding and go to work to help to the best that can be done.

Are you a helper or are you a hinderer?

Do you work for education and practical results, or is it all you can do to whine because somebody else doesn't do something?

What do you think that a large-hearted, true, greatminded person would do under the circumstances?

Job work coming in good from unions in Wyoming and Montana, with several orders from Idaho. Remember that mail order union job work is our specialty. The working man who understands his class interests will not give his money to a paper that uses it to fight him when the capitalist is trying to get the best of him.

Comrade Goodsman writes, "I hardly know how to offer by congratulations for the way you have lifted the news up, and the good work you are doing in financing it. I wish you all the best of success. I am glad that Comrade Jim is doing such good work. It is the staff since the trouble-makers have tried so hard to injure the work at headquarters. Your determination for The News is a worthy one. We certainly do need the paper so badly, and I wish I could do more to help you. I try to do a little thinking myself and want to do the best I can for the socialist party. It is the one main thing to do the best I know for humanity."

Local Provo, Utah takes six subs. This local thinks that all efforts to establish a local paper that may some time be a daily for this inter-mountain region should be encouraged. Mrs. Hazelett was at one time state organizer and national committeeman for this state. The socialists here have always supported The News fairly well, but word of the attempt to ditch it has aroused considerable activity in its behalf.

Half a dozen subs in from Payson, Utah. Comrade Brimhall says he has seven socialist voters in his family. Utah is a state where the girls vote too.

Comrade Monroe of Manhattan sends in for 20 due stamps.

The following donations were received from Great Falls: Julia Meisenbach, \$5.00; Mrs. G. A. Bell, \$5.00; G. A. Bell, \$5.00

Comrade Mrs. Southworth sends in for one book of due stamps for Local Dean.

Comrade Dwight sends in two subs from Lewiston.

Comrade Nstrom of Hansa sends in \$1.00 for two subs.

Comrade Hulscher sends in two subs from Alto. Every sub counts in building up the circulation.

Comrade Hougardy of Great Falls orders \$5.00 worth of due stamps for his local and sends in a sub to The News.

Dear Comrades—I see by my last News that you are in financial distress. Now, as I have an interest in The News I will make the following proposition: I will pay for 100 subscriptions of The News for ten weeks at 10 cents each and enclose money order for \$10 to pay for same and will agree to send in from 100 to 300 subs each month after the first of April. —ANDREW J. MACDONALD.

Fred Chunnings orders 20 stamps for Local, Missoula, and informs us that the local has placed an electric sign at the entrance to their hall. Local Missoula believes in letting the light of Socialism shine.

Information from Livingston states that the city council has for some time been trying to curtail expenses by reducing the police force, but they went to remove one Lindsey but the mayor would not comply with the demands of the council. The aldermen went to reward one Lindsay but the mayor would not do it until charges against him were investigated. No such demands were made last June when the mayor ordered the street commissioners to remove A. D. Peugh. But then Peugh was a socialist. And then he had served irrevocably in urging his brothers not to patronize any of the citizens, alliance that repudiated the agreement they signed with Trades and Labor Council in which they agreed not to patronize the Bell telephone until such a time as an amicable settlement was reached. But the mayor is of course working in the interest of the people that elected him.

On a Monday night recently John R. King, said to be a worn out gambler, chief of police, stood in the city hall and refused to allow the residents to attend the meeting of the city council—a great exemplification of democratic government. But it appears that the Livingston mayor and his satellites do not intend to have the public present at any meetings where the records might be criticized. Star chamber proceedings are their program in such cases as they have on hand now. The past has been pushing the matter and there is considerable excitement in the town about 200 people attempted to get into the council meeting one night, but were barred out.

By a recent referendum Frederick Kraft of Ridgefield, and Henry Carless of Newark, were elected members of the National Committee for the State of New Jersey, and W. B. Killing of Orange, was re-elected State Secretary.

Henry Donaldson of Spokane sends in eight subs—also a nice order of job work.

Comrade Tribe of Salt Lake City takes six News sub cards, and says he thinks he can sell more.

The working class must learn to support their class proper, and not the weapons of their enemies.

A bunch of six subs in from Comrade Farror of Boise, Idaho. C. H. Smith of Glenn Ferry sends five subs, a bunch of six from Twin Falls.

Eight more subs from "Subscriber" of Great Falls. Great Falls still believes that there will not be much socialist headway without a socialist press.

Have you asked your neighbor to subscribe for the Montana News, the only socialist paper between Chicago and the coast?

Locals, Unions or persons knowing of similar irregularities are requested to communicate with The News at once in order that we may get the business straightened out.

All readers of this paper who call themselves socialists and have not already done so should join the socialists. If there is no local in your locality, organize one. It takes five socialists to make a local. Send to the state secretary for organizing supplies. If you cannot organize a local make application to the state secretary to become a member at large. Join the party.

Read Comrade, I have just been reading in the Review "Debs' Dream," or rather Jack London's pipe dream. Like all of London's work it is fine entertaining reading, but useless for educational work and of no value to the socialist movement. In fact it is a detriment. It awakens that spirit of "direct action" which has been, and is yet liable to be a drawback to our movement. The "Dream" is purposeless and winds up in a farce, as did the promises of Lawson's "Frenzied Finance."

Henry Clousen, St. Paul, Minn.

The following comes from Comrade Carr of Welch:

"I saw a copy of state party paper at telegraph office here this a. m. Will get address which I neglected to take and will post 25c in postage next week for six months subscription I belong to Local, Trinidad, Colo., but if I remain in Montana, shall transfer. No chance to obtain subs. here, nothing but rocks and trees and railway telegraph office. I presume I shall transfer to some other point in the spring, if so, will renew and try and get some subs and propoganda material. Stone quarry near here closed down for the winter. Nobody here. May re-open in the spring."

They sent in a big order for their Italian and Macedonian constitution work that The News has been doing for the cool miners for some time, and which involves considerable money, and sent \$28 deposit on the job in good faith. The money was pocketed by the outfit that tried to ditch The News, and no attempt made to fill the order, the people in charge knowing nothing about that sort of work. As the books were spirited away, and have never been available for the guidance of The News business the present management had no way of knowing of the order. It will be filled as soon as possible although the money for the payment has been appropriated elsewhere.

Have Local has on its rolls forty five members, many has gone away but we know where they are they still stand for the cause and are spreading the new of a true brotherhood.

Six new members was admitted in January, five was passed in, the first two weeks of February and prospects are good for another five.

Plans are laid for a full city ticket at the spring election. County central committee has been appointed an ad list of active Socialists through the county secured.

The work now is confined to the soaking in process by means of literature. An active committee attends to this, literature is sold direct, subscriptions solicited and much given away or laid on tables where men congregate. It might surprise the Have news dealers if they knew seventeen Socialist Reviews were sold on the streets in one day this month.

There are many Italian Socialists in Have, eight have already joined the Have Local. The matter of securing literature in this language is now considered.

The most intelligent men, no matter whatever class he belongs to, are the ones who buy and eagerly read the socialists' literature. This fact is a sign board which points towards good things for the descendants of those who are now battling the wolf.

Comrade E. C. Nelson of the Salt Lake Scavenger company renews his sub. Comrade Nelson was formerly the energetic push at Rupert, Idaho. Wherever he is there is some talk being done for something practical.

The course of weekly lesson leaflets proposed by the national office ought to give locals something to do besides reading the minutes, staring at each other and adjourning. You can't have good socialists unless they know something about socialism.

Five News subscription cards \$2.50. Buy five of them. They are easily disposed of and it helps your socialist paper with its weekly bills.

Eight subs from comrade Smith of Alleguerque, New Mexico. He says, "The News has done splendid union work. We cannot afford to let any paper that have been a power in the labor movement fail."

Send in \$3 for six Montana News sub cards. There is no better way of strengthening the working class fight in this section of the country.

The following is an opinion of Comrade Burke of Dupnyer:

"As to saloon acts—I would not reject them. There is no humbug about them. No one need go into a saloon unless he wants to, and he knows that booze is purveyed therein. But catch—funny mail order jokes, stock, jobbing patent medicines, one does of which makes you feel better (why not, when 50 per cent alcohol)—with such I would not compound nor compromise at any price. They have no place in any publication—least of all a socialist publication. I would classify the patent medicine and the frying pan as the two great American curses. If we could annihilate these two, socialism and the millennium would be hustled along by several years. This may read like a joke, but I am conscious that I am writing to an editor. A moment's thought will convince one that the frying pan is a source of great moral evil. You cannot spoil a man's food without damaging his esthetic sense; you cannot injure his alimentary machine without throwing out of gear the whole organism, from his big toe to the most delicate brain cell and poisoning the blood that should nourish and sustain the entity." This comrade is a doctor, so his ideas of reform run along the lives of the subjects that come most under his observation.

A resolution demanding the abrogation of the extradition treaty with Russia has been introduced by the Social-Democrats in the Wisconsin state legislature. This resolution has been favorable reported by the state senate committee to which it was referred. It will no doubt pass the state senate in a slightly modified form.

The many expressions of encouragement and gratitude that have come to the News from labor organizations and Socialists that want something doing for Socialism have been a great help and inspiration to us here. The inspiration had two sources. One was the knowledge that there really is growing in the Socialist body an intelligent and practical comprehension of the actual constructive necessities that are before us, an understanding of the need of a local Socialist press before very much of anything can be done in a solid way along the line of working class politics. The other was the personal appreciation that was shown of the hard work and personal efforts of those that rescued the paper from the dastardly attempt to ditch it and put it out of existence. There are some who know what this struggle has meant here, what it is worth. There are others who have no conception of it even now, but think that to run a Socialist business is just as easy as to open up a bank with \$10,000 capital. Those who come after us and do the work of the future will know what the work is that we have done here to furnish to the working class of this inter-mountain country a revolutionary organ. Those who realize what we must have and what we must do before our party can become any sort of a solid political factor will be awake to the fact that it takes help and co-operation to do things, and a policy of continual obstructions, fault-finding and personal abuse can accomplish nothing for the onward march. The working class movement is full of struggles terrible struggles. The friend of the working class movement will extend a helping hand, give a lift, in the struggle. These petty jealousies and bickering are unworthy of one who has started on the road to life the working class, a continual effort to obstruct the work of the officers that the party has elected to do its work is the most foolish attitude on the part of a party that must have co-operation to succeed. When the party has expressed its will upon its officers cut out the obstructing and faultfinding and go to work to help to the best that can be done.

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