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MAYOR SEIDEL'S ANNUAL MESSAGE

Old Party Press Treats It With Silence. Great Progress Made During The Past Year. More to Come.

pride to this accomplishment.

taxation.

partment.

in that direction.

without cessation.

hall.

held.

About Taxation.

Nor should it prevent you from get-

Such

ting on the tax roll all property that

property rightfully should be required

of that protection which it receives.

This cannot be considered a hard-

ship on capital and is no more than

can justly be asked for by the small

home owner. After the demonstra-

tion with the aid of the Somers Sys-

wise equitable as assessed at present.

Too much is left to the "judgment"

It is a wrong condition that per-

tion normits of too much latitude for

It is deplorable that an attempt to

remedy conditions enumerated above

should meet with the opposition that

you have encounered in your work

Bureau of Efficiency and Economy.

The plans of the Bureau of Effic-

iency and Economy are rapidly taking

on tangible form. The Department of

Publicity Works is the first depart-

Good results can be hoped for from

this work in the way of improving the

financial conditions of the city.

Though quietly, this work goes on

Institute of Municipal and Social

A new phase in the function of mu-

nicipal government was inaugurated

in Milwaukee during the present ad-

ministration by the establishment of

Service and the location of the Exten.

sion Division of the University of Wis-

consin on the second floor of the city

Well known speakers on municipal

problems were heard by the public

free of charge. In connection with

the Extension Division, opportunity is

offered to the young man to secure

technical knowledge, who has not the

means to attend the state university.

ments can be continued next year.

This institute was made possible

through the liberal spirit of a warm

hearted and public minded woman,

who, however, wishes her name with-

Public Works Department.

More stringent inspection of public-

Several inspectors were discharged,

because they could not understand the

orders of the commissioner that spec-

It is needless to say that the strict

I sincerely hope that these arrange-

Service.

ment to be affected by these plans.

under the law is assessable.

Soialist Mayor Seidel presented his uniform accounting basis is being annual message this week to the city done, and when completed the city of council of Milwaukee, and the nine Milwaukee will be able to point with the building code and also an extendaily papers in Milwaukee had very little to say about it, practically ignoring the mayor's message.

The old parties and their press in Milwaukee and throughout the country are slandering and wilfully lying about the work of the socialist administration in Milwaukee. The socialists of Milwaukee are making good but the old parties are afraid to let! it be known, but on the contrary are carrying on a campaign of misrepre. sentations in hopes of defeating the socialists at the next election.

The following is from the message of Mayor Seidel:

To the Honorable the Common Coun-Gentlemen: The past year in the city government of Milwaukee has been extraordinary. Among the many noteworthy facts that distinguish our shown that the land values were in no municipality one is pointed out here as remarkable significance at this

The absolute integrity of the city or may not be competent. government of Milwaukee as at present administered is a conceded and established fact acknowledged at every point.

With regard to honesty, honesty in legislation and honesty in administration, the present city government of Milwaukee stands absolutely unques. any kind with people whose property functions as can best be done through

people of the city marking a forward suspicion either justly or unjustly. and positively necessary step toward progress in good government.

Finance and Accounting.

The efforts at financial reform have made excellent headway. A complete inventory of all the property of the city., as well as of each department is near completion.

This should go far toward preventing such leakages as have occurred in the past-partly through lack of control-partly through dishonesty of employees.

The practice of indiscrimate distribution of supplies of all kinds is checked. Each department is charged with whatever it uses and the heads must be responsible.

The revolution in budget making has gone far in the direction of sane finance. It would be folly to claim that the new budget is perfect. This is clearly stated in the preliminary remarks prefacing it.

Under the new budget, blanket appropriations are done away with, and in their stead appropriations are made based on a minutely detailed statement of the requirements of every department in the city servce.

So far as possible the departments are required to remain within their appropriations, and only by resolution of the common counicl is it possible for them to receive additional moneys.

This course insures publicity and minimizes the opportunities for reckless expenditures. The next budget will be ready for your consideration far earlier in the season and will offer even better results than the past one. The broadest publicity should be in-

A new system of voucher bills has been installed, permitting almost ab. solute check on the accuracy of the tors were made to understand that no socialist vote here. expenditures of the ctiy. Where in they would be required to do the work the past every department devised its properly or suffer penalties. In sevown form of payroll independently of eral cases, street paving material was the others, there has now been pro- of an inferior quality and was re- trustee here, Eugene R. Armstrong, ject of arbitration. Meantime the vided by the comptroller's office one moved after placed in position. The pay roll to take the place of seventeen same occurred in the construction of nearest opponent 45. Leonard Ar- Columbia and Alberta is reaching also a favorite son of "uncle Joe" different forms, with the result that sewers. absolute uniformity is secured, and the expense of printing reduced to a

As rapidly as possible the work of lifications were to be followed strictly. bringing all the departments on a

adherance to the interest of the city and citizens lost the administration

the superintendent of streets. The sprinkling and cleaning of streets, and the removal of garbage, rubbish and ashes has been improved. But very much more can be done.

the friendship of a number of contrac-

tors and may have connection with

With improved machinery a more economical system of street cleaning can be devised, resulting in more frequent and thorough operation.

The efforts of this department should receive all possible encouragenent. Similarly the efforts should be continued to reduce the cost of long hauls for garbage and refuse.

Health Department.

More attention has been given by the health department to complaints received from factories. A division of factory inspection has been estab-

The sanitary police force has been yseyl6..a cjhyi etao etaoi oin completely reorganized and the city redistricted. While this is good as far as it goes, this portion of the work cannot be considered complete until sive sanitary code are completed.

Efforts in this direction should be continued until the end is accomplish-The interference of special interests ed. In this connection, I wish again and inadequate laws should not disto emphasize that portion of my messcourage you in your efforts to bring age of April 19, 1910, dealing with about a system of equitable and just protection of labor.

Publications have been issued and it is wise that this educational campaign be extended. Monthly bulleti a are being issued. Educational work has been begun in some of the schools and it is to be hoped that this work may also be enlarged upon.

The plans for an isolation hospital are ready to be acted upon, and as soon as your honorable body shall have taken action, bids may be advertised for and contracts let. An ortem of value units, it was clearly dinance for the inspection of theaters is now pending before you and action is desirable.

Infant Mortality.

of the individual assessor, which may Plans for reducing the alarming ratio of infant mortality are well ad-Publicity in the making of an assessment is of the utmost importance and the property owner should be ready to co-operate with the tax de-

In addition to the sum of money planned to be set aside for this pur pose, it is advisable to appoint a civic projects, we should not lose sight of commission to aid in performing such the need for playgrounds within the mits an assessor to solicit business of he is required to assess. This condi-

or such commission will be presented your honorable body

On Tuberculosis.

Plans for the organization and control of the tuberculosis problem are vell under way and a resolution to arry these plans into effect will be ubmitted.

Despite the failure to retain the rvices of Mr. Wm. H. Leiserson, who has made this particular phase of community life a special study and from wohse services effective results could have been expected, we must

City's Parks.

As stated in another part herein, American cities have been delinquent in preserving and caring for the river exception to the rule. While we have secured a portion of our lake front and are collecting a special mill tax to reclaim more, no objection is raised. But the supply can accommodate but a limited number and only those who are more fortunate. It is not a sign of fair mindedness to the large mass front property in ont part of the city and neglect the other beautiful parts that need only be acquired.

I hold that the plans of your Metropolitan Park Commission should be carefully studied and instead of quibbling over the purchase of the Milwaukee River Park, immediately steps should be taken to secure that portion of the Menominee River and the Kinnickin River also which has been designed as desirable named commission.

The accumulating increment on all that land will be far in excess of the city to secure said lands now.

The change that thereby the taxes would be increased should not hold good, if the authorities of our city will do their duty and place on the assess, ment roll that property which now belongs there and escapes. If this were done for ten years, you could cancel the entire park debt and have all the land herein mentioned.

The cities of St. Paul and Minneavanced. A portion of this work has polis are developing more elaborate plans. It is safe to say that these cities will grasp the opportunities.

While we pay attention to the large

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During the past week elections for J. C. Mainwaring; thustees, Tuoy Bolbeen held in California and Illinois, kins. the results show great gains and more victories for the socialists.

The following shows some of the gains made in Illinois.

Mattoon, Ill ..- The count of Tues day's ballots shows that Robert Doethe Insitute of Municipal and Social pel. Socialist, was elected alderman ialist, was elected mayor here against received 158 votes, his opponent get-

> Beckemeyer, Ill.-The results of Tuesday's elections show that the Socialists elected a member of the village

La Salle, Ill.,-Harry Halpin, Socialist, was elected alderman from the Second ward of this city at Tuesday's election. Another candidate for alderman on the Socialist ticket, Valentine, only failed of election by 9 votes

Des Plaines, Ill.,-The Socialist candidate for president of the village board, W. M. Lawson, polled 102 votes on the Socialist ticket here at Tues-

Maryville, Ill .- The Socialists elected a village clerk and one village a miner, receiving 53 votes, and his Four parties were in the field.

Davis, Ill.,-The Socialists carried this town at the election Tuesday. The party electing the following

town and school board officials have lette, Burnell Williamson, Evan Wat- sight of poverty and degradation as

The vote except for president of the board, showed a substantial victory. For that office the Socialists won by two votes.

O,Fallon, Ill.,-D. L. Thomas, Soc. of the seventh ward of this city. He a bi partisan combination. J. E. Tilley was elected city marshall, Nick Lorenz superintendent of streets, Alexander Campbell alderman of the first ward and Henry Shoemaker alderman of the third ward, alll on the Socialist ticket. The party candidates for city treasurer and city clerk lost by only a few votes.

Calgary, Alta., April 17.-While striking miners have held several meetings to discuss the question of applying to the government for a board to arbritrate the differences work has been practiced. Contrac- day's election. A year ago there was with the operators, nothing definite has been decided. The operators have refused steadily to take the initiative. claiming that the question of "open shop" absolutely cannot be the sub. supply of fuel all over Eastern British gus, Socialist, was elected as a trustee. low ebb, even the railways having Cannon. trouble in securing a supply. The Great Northern Railway has depended upon coal from the Fernie field ruption have been given important to operate many miles of lines in posts. One is William Sulzer, now President of the board of trustees. Montana.

Congress. tary Affairs. The other is Henry

Goldfogle, who is to head the Commit-

is terrible. People do not live here The democrats have already shown they just exist. If the people of the that they are not in a hurry to enact nation understood that these con, laws in behalf of the working class, ditions prevail so close to the place if they ever will pass any at all. Their where their laws are made they would legislative program for the extra session entirely ignores the just demands Berger Investigates Thus spoke Socialist Representative

tee on Elections.

IN WASHINGTON

Investigating Slums At National

Capitol. Disgraceful Dwellings

For The Poor.

(By National Socialist Press)

not tolerate it."

Washington, D. C., April 19 .- "This

Berger while standing on the doorstep

hovels within the very shadow of the

newspaper men had spent an entire

afternoon on a tour of investigation

into the district of the poor and the

Declaring that living conditions in

the blind alleys of Washington are

worse than in any city he had ever

visited, Berger said he will do all in

his power as a member of the District

of Columbia committee t owipe out

Uncle Sam to Blame

responsible for the conditions existing

here, as Washington is governed by

the president and congress. To date

this form of government has resulted

in beautifying the avenues of the rich.

while streets of the poor have been

tion that the rents paid by the poor

for the most dilapidated structures

Death Rate is High

The poor of Washington live in

blind alleys. Disease and death are

that of slums in New York or Chicago.

persons slept in one of those rooms.

slum life in many cities, declared that

he had never been so shocked by the

he was while visiting the alley hovels

Berger Is Astonished

housed in Washington worse than

prostitutes. A girl reared in these sur-

streets. And the expense of these im-

provements, I believe, should be

charged to the unscrouplous owners

Washington, D. C. April 20 .- That

the democratic party has sold out to

the same capitalist interests which

controlled the republican congresses

is evidenced by the action of the

House in selecting Cannon's hench-

men as head of the important com-

Representative Fitzgerald, the Tam-

many politician, was made chairman

of the Committee on Approupriations.

The Committee on Interstate Com-

merce is headed by the reactionary

Adamson, of Georgia. The new chair-

man of the Postoffice committee is

Representative Moon, of Tennessee,

Two more graduates of the notor-

ious Tammany school of political cor.

chairman of the Committee on mili-

of the surrounding property."

"Honest people," said Berger, "are

of Washington's "other half."

and 'Louse Alley!'

Congressman Berger, who has seen

model tenements a good income.

The federal government is directly | program.

this stain on the nation

entirely neglected.

It seems to be the old, old story again. When the democrats were in of one of Washington's notorious slum the minority they used to denounce the republican party for "crucifying labor" and 's'tabbing labor under the Berger and a number of progressive fifth rib," etc.

With tears in their voices they described the miseries of labor and in bursts of oratory they swore by all the gods that none of these conditions would exist a single day if they should come into power.

These democrats were elected by the votes of labor. The A. F. of L. spent thousands of dollars to help them carry the country. Yet they even forget to mention labor in their

Would there be any question about the enactment of remedial labor legislation if we had about thirty Bergers in Congress? Even "A. F. of L. policy" politicians know the answer.

Labor is not the only victim of the democratic party. The "dear common Berger found during his investiga- people" have also been handed a gold brick. It happened thus:

The democrats were about to carry would bring the investors of capital in out a party pledge. And this pledge was the enactment of a law which would compel the publicity of campaign contributions. So Representative Rucker, of Missouri, reportd in a bill which had been approved by ever present in their midst. The death the democratic caucus.

rate in these alleys are far worse than Now this bill looked awfully radical. That is as it looked. But the repub-In one shack Berger was told that licans are now playing the minority three familes occupied one floor. Six game. This means the republicans are to be even more radical than the democrats.

So the old Cannon crowd got on the floor and went the democrats one better. They introduced an amendment extending publicity of campaign contributions to primary elections. And when they did this they rubbed a sore spot on the democratic donkey.

And the old mule kicked. You see, down South, were Demo-

roundings cannot help becoming im. cracy with a capitol D comes from, moral. Think of 'streets' of thenaa fight for a Congressional seat is over tional capital called 'Nigger Hook' as soon as the returns from the primaries are in. And the man with "I shall demand that these alleys be money or backed by men with money abolished. I beleive that the alleys generally wins in the primaries. can be converted into good, clean Needless to say the democratic lead-

ers did not want the publicity law to apply to the primaries. And what these eminent gentlemen don's want does not occur in Congress nowadays. They ordered the defeat of the amendment, and it was defeated.

Now the democrats may boast of this publicity law at the next campaign, but the thinking workingman won't be fooled. Especially if he knows what is related above.

Congressman Berger is spending his first days in studying the ropes. He is up against a gang of experienced parliamentarians who have grown gray in the service of the capitalist class. He wants to be prepared when he begins real fighting. And those who know Berger have no fear of the result.

The Socialist Congresman is besieged daily by hosts of reporters. The movement is now getting a lot of free advertising. Not a day passes but that the newspapers publish his opinions on the issues of the day.

In a special interview given to the

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More Socialist Victories

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WEDDING BELLS

Ida Crouch-Hazlett, for five years editor of the Montana News ,was married last Thursday to Herman from any participation in the activities Schnick of Lewistown, Montana.

The wedding took place in the home of Alexander Fairgrieves in Billings, Justice of the Peace, C. E. Smith of Billings performing the ceremony. The Montana News joins with the

host of friends of Ida in wishing her and her husband, health and happiness in their new venture.

The newly married couple returned to Lewistown to make their home.

GETTING ON TO THE ROPES.

Report from Washington are to the effect that Senator Myers of Montana, is opposed to altering "schedule K." or the tariff on wool, until next December, and Senator Myers is quoted as sheepmen of Montana.

There is a reason for all this anxiety ana sheepmen. Certain owners of getting Congress to delay acting on they have large quantities of wool on hand.

Some o fthese sheepmen refused 30 ago and are still holding their 1909 wool. Last year wool was lower than in 1909 and the price has declined so much that some of these Montana sheepmen have lost \$50,000 by holding their wool clip for the past two years.

To help these few men out at the expense of millions of poor people in the United States, Senator Myers desires to delay action on the tariff on wool unti next December, in order that these few Montana sheepmen may dispose of their clips of 1909 and 1910 this season.

These big sheeepmen dont herd, feed or sheer the sheep they own, they own stock in the large sheep companies that control the sheep raising industry in Montana. They are all the same as stock and bond gamblers. They can be dispensed with. But Montana's new democratic Senator beleives in playing into the hands and favoring the republican owners of stock in the Montana sheep com-

Senator! You are learning fast.

If every socialist in every local in Montana will co-operate with us in this distribution of sample copies of the News to non-socialists, he or she will be doing what will cost very little in time or effort but what will be the most effective propaganda for the cause.

As we said before, there never was a better time than right now to make socialists, and one of the very best ways to do that is to increase the subscription list of the Montana News. We know that the Montana News is a good paper because we make it ourselves. We know it is a good propagandist because our books prove it. But we don't know the people in your neighborhood to whom your paper would be a light bringer and a vote maker. We don't know to whom to send it; but you know and it is up to you now to send in the names. We will do the rest. Get busy!

Convict Labor.

I believe that prisoners should not be used to manufacture anything that

The employment of convict labor ard of living, and generally increases poverty, or the fear of poverty, the basis of practically all crime

Placing convict labor in competition with free labor is simply using criminals to make more criminals.

I believe that prison labor should be employed directly upon the soil, galore. in general agriculture, reclaiming waste lands, etc.

First, because it provides the best means of treating the patient physi-

brings into existence initial new wealth and its competition on the la- living. bor market is unfelt.

Third, because the patient as well as the community is more benefitted ing over the wash tubs to support a

this sphere than in any other. -Murray Youtz, Cleveland, O. No great populous cities such as our functions it is laid aside and new or-

order.

there has been two principles of gov- laws. ernment set forth viz., the monarchial and the democratic form.

The monarchial form seeks to re move the people as far as possible usurpation.

ment in the hands of the whole people.

So fiercely has the battle raged between the two factions that many it about? governmental lines until we have an admixture of the two principles among order of things. Stop voting for some the principal civilized nations of supposed bood man. the earth.

We have monarchies, limited montary and republics.

acting according to requests of the democratic management of their own gether. affairs.

Since the economic factor is the domof Myers for the interest of the Mont- inant or determining factor in human society it naturally follows that, that large flocks have been busy of late in government which places the management of the material necessities of life the wool tariff for the reason that in the hands of the people and secures to each individual member of socety equality of oportunity in produc, ing and appropriating to his own use cents a pound for their clip two years the full product of his toil is the only just government that can exist among men.

The great property owning class (capitalists) naturally stand for that form of government which portects their property interests in securing to them the legal rights to exploit the producers of wealth through profits.

This explains why they are reactionary, conservative, and are always found supporting the present order

They can more easily manipulate the powers of government to further their economic interests when it is administered by a few persons such as representives, senators, presidents etc., than when it is administered by the whole people.

That also explains why the master class opposes Socialism. It would take from them not only the private ownership of the social natural resources and public utilities; but the management of the same would be demogratically administered by the whole people for he comfort, happiness and benefit of all instead of for profits accruing to the few.

Mr. Voter, if you wish to know what Socialism stands for and what it seeks to accomplish just dismiss from your mind the present order of things such as profit making, exploiting, cheating, stealing, back biting and devouring one another and imagine yourself transported for the time being to some other planet on which you would see everything reversed and practised just oposite to what we now have it.

What would you see? Well you would see something like the follow

You would see commodities manu-

factured for use instead of for profits. You would see all food stuffs prepared out of the most wholesome pure material instead of having poisonous

acids etc., in them.

You would see every worker living in a nice large airy roomy house with steam engine and electric power. modern sanitary improvements in stead of living in a one or two room and more up to date machinery must shack with one or two small windows, come forth. no bath, electric light, etc.

mony as brothers and not enemies. You would see the people all enjoying leisure time enough to study results in the reducing of wages, to- and develope, thus growing more in- production and cut out individual gether with the lowering of the stand- telligent all the time and as a result competition. more refined and moral.

produce.

You would see every child in school. Schools and Colleges would be in

flourishing condition.

You would see bright happy countenances upon the people instead of trols our very life. that deathly haggard expression de-Second, because labor so applied veloped by the constant dread and ical institutions of by-gone ages is worry about how I am to make a shere foolishness.

no national gaurds, no widows bend- omic forces. by placing the labor of convicts in family of dependent children. No child slavery. No white slave traffic. a member ceases to perform useful

The idea of government among men smoking pest houses, such as sweat in all ages among all tribes and na- shops, tenement rooms in basements tions has been a constantly changing and back alleys. No strikes , injunctions, boycotts, or lock-outs. You Since political society dawned upon would see the people all with one har, One cent per copy in bundles up to 500 the world based upon property rights monious accord making their own

You would see no mortgaged homes, no miser's clutch, no usurer's schemes, · no land monopolies, trusts nor private

That would be Why, you say. and administrations of government, heaven itself. Well now just wake up The democratic form seeks as far and say to yourself, this is no dream. as posible to place the legislative and I am not transported to some other adminstrative functions of govern- planet. I am living on an earth abounding in all the material resources to give just such a scene.

Then what have we to do to bring Simply stop supporting the present

Stop voting a program manufactured by the master class and come incompromises have been effected along to the great world wide movement archies, kingdoms elective and heredi. and help seize the powers of government as a means to an end viz., to All these changes in the form of give to the whole people the right government are victories won by the through the Initiative and Referenpeople in restoring to themselves the dum Recall to act democraticaly to-

> You then can help to formulate your own platforms, nominate your own officers and recall same at any time they do not act in good faith. You can help manage the industrial problem of life and thus help to make an economic environment suited to the upbuilding of the better interests of mankind.

The great trouble to-day is that man is trying to apply old social institutions and political measures to an advanced industrial era and it does not work well.

When man merged from savagery and barbarism he had his hands only, together with a few very crude implements of production with which to battle for aliving.

In those prehistoric times he had to struggle with the elements and obstacles of nature as well as with wild animals for his means of subsistence. It has been a long and arduous

journey; but man conquered these ol stacles. He used his intelligence and sal his inventive genius to work to im

prove his economic condition. Every invention made man more of master of the situation. Each in vention raised him higher in the scale of development.

When implements of production and exchange were developed to a certain point viz., tools of hand production each received all he produced.

Competition then entered the field Man then had another enemy to combat. Not only had he to struggle with the elements and wild animals but man had to struggle with man for the mastery in the industrial field.

He who was the stronger, had the greater power of endurance, the keen, er insight of the future coupled to gether with the better improved tools always succeeded in the productive and business world.

Those were the days of pure individ-

To suit the demands of that age our present political governments were in

stituted We see however, that a great

change has taken place. To shun competition man has been

To meet the increasing demand for

commodities of consumption a motive power greater than hand or horse power had to be invented; hence the

To utilize this new power, better

To use this machinery for productiv You would see no class struggle but | purposes capital must be brought to every body living in peace and har- gether to install and operate th

> To do this companies were formed and machinery employed to cheaper

This being accomplished, man lost You would see every producer of his individuality as a producer and wealth enjoying for himself all his became an appendage of the machine mental and physical activities could and dependent upon the owner of the he will not stop fighting until the machine.

To elimate competition among kinddred companies two or more would go The arts and sciences would be in machinery and thus absorb the smaller firms or crush them, until we have evolved the gigantic trust which con-

To try to control the trusts by polit-

To try to regulate them by legis You would see no armies, no navies, lative acts is working contrary to econ-

Then what are we to do? We are taught in science that when

developed.

What are the just functions of the

in the Declaration of Independence we read that the rights of the people upon our banner. to a peaceful pursuit of "Life, liberty powers of government.

it further states that "Whenever y form of government becomes dethe peop'e to alter or abolish it, aying its foundations on such prin. such form as to them seems most of justice and righteousness kely to effect their safety and hap-

From the above quotation Mr. Voter ustification for its appearance in the solitical field demanding not a reorm, but the abolition of the present profit system on which our present litical institutions are built and the stablishing of a system that will parantee these sacred rights to all should avoid at all hazards. the people.

We charge that our present regime s destructive of the rights of the people to a decent pursuit of life, liberty and happiness.

Let us now investigate and sec whether our charge is tenable. What must the conditions be be-

fore the people can properly pursue life, liberty and happiness? There are two things absolutely nec-

essary before these rights can be enoyed viz., a sufficient amount of the material things of life to satisfy in imple abundance the material needs and requirements of the people, then sufficiency of leisure time to enjoy a proper use of these things.

If the people have this abundance and the time to enjoy it under the present system then the Socialists have no ground for their demands; if not, then we are justifiable in bringing our claim

On these questions let facts be submitted to a thinking people.

There is 32 per cent of the farmers in the United States who receive an annual income of less than \$250 per year. Another 28 per cent who receive less than \$500, per year. Eighty per cent of the farmers are renting or, are heavily mortgaged. The farmer works long hours, his wife and children drudge long weary hours and have very little spare time to devote to social and spiritual development. Does that look like he is enjoying the luxuries of li e, liberty and the pursuit

of happiness? Not much. The wage worker and factory hands Ninety per cent of this class do not own the shack they call home.

Think of t! 120,000 rooms occupied in the metropolis of our country with not a window to give light to its

What does life and happiness maer to these people? What does it mean to the two million children under sixteen yars of age working from 12 to 16 hours per day in the factories and work shops, sweet shops, to grind their young tender lives into profits for the master class?

What does life and happines mean to the five million unemployed of the United States who want to work but cannot find work to do?

What does life and happiness mean to the 200,000 young girls annually thrown into the underworld by the avarious greed for profits of the white slaver?

We might continue the category indefinitely but space forbids. We think we have have proven our contention that such a system should be abolished.

Now Comrades, friends and fellow voters. The Socialist movement is composed of many aggregates. While it is an International movemnt and we will never reach tht ultimatum of Socialism until its flag is unfurled o'er all the world; yet, there is much to be done by all of us to bring it about.

There are questions of a local nature, then state and national which engage our attention.

While we are fighting for the complete emanicipation of all men in all the world and nothing short of this will satisfy the militant Socialist and master class is divested of every vestige of privilege and power to exploit; there is much immediate relief together and employ still greater to be brought about by electing true Socialists to office.

The workers by uniting under the Socialist banner and electing Socialists to legislative and executive offices can force measures through that will en- literature plentiful and chaep, else He able them ta take from the master class much power that he now holds and at the same time demonstrate the practicability of our claims and stimu-

To this end we should all look and work for the election of every soc-

ialist possible.

the entire world. We of Idaho had tive government should be condemned trading" being our motto. Take all Socialism. you can from the master class, give nothing and victory will soon perch

When you can win a city do it! and of happiness" are among the just Administer its affairs for the benefit of those who produce the wealth and the people seeing that there is something in store for them right now will tructive of these ends, it is the right flock to the Socialist party in such numbers that it wont be many camand to institute a new government paigns until we renovate the Capitol you are free, you? at Washington, D. C. and our nation ples and organizing its powers in will be called by all nations a nation

We can win the election in Idaho this year if the workers and producers of wealth only think so and get toon see that the Socialist party has gether at the polls and vote the straight Socialist ticket.

> S. W. Motley, Socialist Lecturer, Twin Falls, Idaho.

Confiscation is something which w

Therefore. life, for that would confiscate the business of the undertakers and the grave

diggers. We should not seek better sanitation, for that would confiscate the business of the doctors.

We should not urge temperance, for that would confiscate the business of the brewers and distillers.

We should oppose the pure food law, for that confiscates the business of the dealers in adulterants.

We should not interrupt corruption, for that would confiscate the business of the politicians.

We should not indulge in higher criticism, for that would confiscate the business of the preachers. We should stand absolutely pat, for

otherwise we are sure to run into con-

fiscation of some kind or other.

Let no man fear "Socialism". The movement of the working class for justice by any name would be as ter-

rible.-Father William Barry. The Catholic priest who gave utterance to the above sentiments is worthy of wearing the garb of the church.

The man who feels his heart beat for oppressed and crushed humanity is a true and loyal disciple of the Crucified Man, who nineteen hundred years ago preached against the injustice of a privileged few who grew arrogant on the slavery of labor.

Father Barry is permeated with a true Christian spirit, but his sentiments will not be rewarded by donations of exploiters.-Miner Magzine. Socialism means to divide up the

work and to stop dividing up the products of labor with the grafter. That seems reasonable, doesn't it.

Public Ownership of Coal Fields.

One of the first results of the recent labor victory in Australia is the decision of the Victorian government to retain in its ownership the coal delds of the province and operate them for use instead of profit. An eight hour day is established for the miners, no person being permitted to work more than forty-eight hours in one week below the ground. The state will use the coal for its own railroad system and will sell the surplus for manufacturing and domestic

Backward Progression.

purposes.

A sample of this sort of reasoning that theologians apply against Socialism is furnished by the Cleveland "Catholic Universe" in its reasons for attacking "the craze for dirigible balloons and airships." The "Catholic Universe" declares it does "not think that the Creator intended man should inhabit the air or fly like birds," and the paper proceeds to demonstrate its thesis with the reason ing that "else He (the Created) would have furnished him (man) with wings," on account of which the "Catholic Universe is of the opinion that "airships should be legally re. stricted.'

Upon the same principlet he Creator never intended man to travel by steamboats and steam cars, else He would have furnished man with a steamboileri n his stomach; and the Creator never intended man to have would have furnished man with a Hoe Perfected Press and Mergenthaler typesetting anatomy; and the Creator never intended millions of men to delate confidence in the doubter's mind. liberate in parliaments, else He would furnished man with a representative First we may win a precinct, then that anships hould be restricted by to it.

gans that perform useful functions are a city, a county, a state, a nation, then law, steam the press and representa-Now let us apply this principle to just as well awake, buckle on the -as the encyclical of Pius IX did conomics and the functions of the armour, enter the fight, march on to those elements of Progress, and as battle,"No compromise. No political the pulpit generally anathematizes

LIBERTY FOR MASTER: SLAVERY FOR MAN.

Fellow workmen, we are assured that since the revolution of 1776 which throws its rays all over the world, every man is free. Is it so that

Me! I well believe that I am free! Let's see a bit; who gives you the right to work?

The master (or boss).

Who fixes your wages?

The master. Who accords to you or refuses you

day of rest? The master.

Consequently you have no right to product of your labor; you have to obey the law of the master from morning till night; you can't work you cannot eat; you, your wife or children without permission of the master We should not attempt to prolong and you say that you are free? Oh! the great freedom!

Let us continue: Who has the liberty to enrich himself by making work? The workman, his wife and

children? The master.

Who has the liberty of imposing on the workman, his wife and his children the kind of work that is most beneficial to himself?

The master.

Who has the liberty to throw the workman out of work when he doesn't need him any more?

Who has the liberty to send stary-

ing in the streets the old workmen whom, during their yuoth and their

The master.

vitality, have enriched him? The master. Who has the liberty to starve, du, ring strikes, the workers who demand

a little more wages, and a little less work?

The master. Who has the liberty ti use the police, the soldiers and the judges to beat the strikers whom he has dis-

charged from his works? The master. Comrades, the governments have given all the liberties to the master

and slavery to the worker.

"The Little Socialist Magazine" is Yorker Volkszeitung. Its next issue a monthly published by the New will a special May Day number. This issue will contain numerous original contributions by well known comrades and will be well illustrated. The publication is devoted in particular to Socialist agitation among the younger generation. The regular subscription rate is fifty cents a year. Bundles of the May Day issue may be secured at the following rates: 25 copies for 75 cts; 50 copies for \$1.25; 100 copies for \$2.00. Orders should be sent to the publication office, 15

NEW RECRUITS.

Spruce Street, New York, N. Y.

Owing to the great increase in the Socialist vote large numbers of people are being attracted to the Socialist party and great influx of new members are joining the party. While this is a condition of affairs that is welcome, yet considerable danger accompanied it. From experience and observation we know that a large number of these new recruits are not much more than believers in mere reform and lack the revolutionary spirit that is required to advance the cause of Socialism. Every Socialist should work harder from now on, getting the new recruits and reformers to reading and studying the best and clearest socialist literature. As cur movement advances and the sentiment grows greater against present conditions, here and there will appear aggressive, brilliant reformers, who will live a meteor like political career, who will cause great disturbances in our midst and desertions to our cause. All this can be avoided by a good application of wholesome literature.

Already in Montana there is a great reform movement in a preparatory stage, and the prospectus of this reform movement contains planks from the Socialist party platform, and it is the intention of those behin-i this prospective movement to start radical clubs all over the state. It is up to the Socailsts to spike the guns of this new reform movement by carrying on a more aggressive campaign of education.

No politician will publicly defend graft. Yet nearly all practice it. give ument anatomy member fir. The pressure of the profit-making t'remore, upon the same principle. system all around them drives them

WHY NOT TAKE THE RAINS?

If fifty men did all the work And gave the price to five; And let those five make all the rules, You'd say the fifty men were fools, Unfit to be alive.

And if you heard complaining cries From fifty brawny men, Injustice, cruelty indeed-

What would you call them then?

Not by their own superior force Do five on fifty live; But by election and assent-And privilege of government Powers that the fifty give.

If fifty men are really fools-And five have all the brains-The five must rule as now we find. But if the fifty have the mind-Why don't they take the reins?

WEEKLY LETTERS ON WORLD ROUND LECTURE TOUR. By Walter Thomas Mills.

GARDEN CITIES.

The question of where we live and how we live is so large a share of the other question "what we are" as well as the web and woof of life itself that no one can be indifferent to these questions.

In Great Britain and in Europe as in America, the question is not a serious one as to how or where .those shall live who can pay for what they want, but everywhere it is becoming a question of the most serious public concern as to how and where those shall live who necessarily want what, under present conditions, they cannot

Among the British and European studies and adventures in the effort to secure a rational answer to these questions, the experiments in "Garden Cities" now hold the public attention side by side with the "Town Planning" and municipal dwellings which are doing so much to make the worker's world more a world of safety and of comfort.

Of the municipal dwellings I shall write at another time.

Liverpool has more thon 11,000 people living in publicly owned municipal dwellings. Glasgow has more than \$10,000,000 invested in such places. Other cities are rapidly following these examples and in no case has more than the merest beginning vet been made in that direction. But today I want to speak of Garden City

Garden City means a town built for the purpose of covering the modern sanitary requirements of light, air, open space and the garden, as a part of every house. Elaborate plans have been devised and just to the north of London, the whole problem of the factory town, the home town, the selfowned town, that is the town as the only landlord and that the landlord of all, is now in process of construction.

But there are several Garden Cities already of considerable size, great beauty and with records of public advantage, sanitary perfection and of social progress worthy of our attention.

It was my privilege recently to visit New Earswich, near York, and Port Sunlight, near Liverpool, and to spend time enough in their streets, parks, homes and shops to get a fairly accurate impression of these model towns.

As to the business basis, I was al ready familiar with it. It is simply George Pullman's idea over again. They are town built and owned by great manufacturers for the housing of employes. The disaser of Pullman, when the ideal of the founder fell under the control of the money-maker is no more than the usual misfortune club buildings, the things of social which always overtakes a tenant when a kindly disposed landlord loses control of his business, as was the case at Pullman, or the fortunes of life bring new masters as the heirs, interested only in income, succeed their fathers, interested also in some kindly purpose.

So far, there is every evidence that the original purpose of Rowntree ,the owner of New Earswick, and the Lever Bros., owners of Port Sunlight, has not been outgrown or seriously modified.

Anyway, both places show for how very little money per family can ideal dwelling places, even for the poor, be provided.

I have seen no places anywhere of greater beauty. It was with great difficulty that I left New Earswich, Mrs. Mills and our boy were with me a Port Sunlight and we have lingered nowhere, either on the continent or in Montana News? What is the matter Great Britain to enjoy one more glance at the beauty which simply foresight and common sense can place within the reach of all.

We have seen a good deal of the parts, said to be the best of the streets, Government. where, as in Berlin, we were told "this is the street where the 400 have their homes," of palaces, cathedrals, castles, the fragmentary ruins of the ancient architecture, the place where tourists ized labor is opposed to it.

wait and watch and look again. "None of these," said Mrs. Mills, "compare with the simple, quiet beauty, the clean, glad life of the healthy and happy lot of the fortunate dwellers in the Garden City.'

Each home has a grass plot in the front, a small garden in the rear and then the blocks are so laid out as to leave quite large tracts available Blaming the five for graft and greed, for special allotments for those who wish for larger gardens.

> There are grass and trees and parkways and pretty nooks and corners everywhere. The architecture could not be better done, were palaces instead of cottages in process of con-

The rents are the cheapest in Great Britain. The houses are built, comfortable, with all modern conveniences and the rents run from 5 shillings (\$1.25) to 9 s. 3d. (\$2.25) per week. In both these places the claim is made the same as Pullman made the claim in Chicago, that the rents only pay the cost of maintenance and 5 per cent on the investment. In Port Sunlight there is no claim for profits at all, the company each year charging certain sums to profit and loss. But the people get the homes and they are the best which people of like income are living in anywhere.

The people are healthy. Nowher have we seen groups of school child ren, or of working people or house wives who looked so well, so full blooded, so clean blooded. This was shown n the complexion, the bodily movements, in the glow of health and the tones of the voice. There was so little of the discouraged or the disgusted which so easily slips in between the words, no matter what is being said.

As an example of the improved physical being under such conditions can be drawn from a comparisor of the report of Dr.Arkle of Liverpool who at the request of the Liverpoo Educational Committee, made a most careful examination of the school children of Liverpool and the report of Dr. J. MacKenzie on the Port Sunlight school children.

Dr. Arkie classified the school into our classes-higher grade schools, where the sons of leading wealthy citizens are educated.

Council schools (a). Type of the best council schools, where the parents of the children are well-to-do, and the children have mostly comfortable homes.

Council schools (b). Type of school where the children are mostly of the laboring classes, whose parents have constant employment.

Council schools (c). The last of council schools, where the parents of the children belong mostly to the unemployed or casual labor sections.

To this list may be added the Port Sunlight schools which may be taken cil schools, the parents are mostly of the laboring classes, in constant employment, but with the difference that the houses in which the children mostly live are built with ample air space, noht more than seven houses to the acre.

At seven years of age we find the average weight and height of boys to be as follows:

Height	Weight
inches	lbs.
Higher grade schools47.4	49.3
Council schools (a)45.3	44.1
Council schools (b)44.8	43.6
Council schools (c)44.0	43.6
Port Sunlight schools45.7 At fourteen years of age—	50.3
Higher grade schools61.7	94.5
Council schools (a)58.2	75.8
Council schools (b)56.2	75.5
Council schools (c)55.2	71.3
Port Sunlight schools60.7	105.0
The schools, hospitals, play	grounds
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consideration and advantages were of the highest order and of the first importance to the people.

The one thing which I missed in both cities was any sense of a permanent and abiding interest, either in the place or the homes occupied by the people I talked with. The trail of the landlord was over all.

How shall this be taken away? shall attempt to show that the co. operative towns now building and the municipal house of the first-class will be able to escape, not only the necesslyt of the landlord, but the sense of insecurity and lack of abiding interest which must forever be a characteristic of the passing tenant of a private master, especially when the landlord is also the employer.

Do you know of any other paper in Montana that is as aggressive as the with you subscribing for it right now?

Look out for the issue of the Montana News on the Commission form of

The corporations desire the Commission form of Government. Organ-

GOVERNMEN1 BY GOMMISSION

A FAKE REFORM

The commission form of government and had its inception in the City of Galves. tives of public service corporations, profitable as that made in our youth. ton. It was instituted immediately fol- and city officials from all over the lowing the great tidal wave, at which country are atracted by the advertime millions of dollars worth of pro- tising, and when the visiting delegaperty was distroyed and thousands of tions set their feet under the mahorlives were swept into the sea. It was any banquet tables in the club rooms at such a time when the thoughts of of the Greater Des Moines committee the people were turned to the loss of the virtues of government by commisproperty and the loss of their kin, that sion are presented in about the folrepresentatives of capitalistic interests lowing fashion: went to the governor and legislature and secured, on the spur of the endum features are added only to moment, the enactment of a law for make the bill more palatable to the the government of a city for which voters. It is not likely that these there was no justification except to features will become obnexious to meet a contingency such as confronted vested interests. In the first place Galveston at that time. The commission form of government, therefore, and in the second place, the cit. clerk was born to meet an abnormal con- who is the creature of the commission dition, such as usually justifies a declaration of martial law.

It was a Des Moines capitalist, in- and referendunm insufficient. terested in one of the public service corporations in the city of Galveston, who brought the system to Des Moines and Iowa, and from which source it city clerk. He will impose sentences is being rapidly extended throughout the country.

There are two separate and distinct elements in the commission form of government -democratic and autocratic. The democratic feature, such as the recall, initiative and referendum, the civil service provisions, etc., are not essential, however, to the sysures as well as with them, and furthermore, the democratic elements men, office of the present oficials. tioned above may be as easily enacted them occasionally is found a labor ment now existing in the majority of

The autocratic features-the comrepresentation and the abolition of guishing characteristics from the old form of government, and which in their nature are capable of overbalancing and nullifying the democratic elements in the law.

The city of Des Me summer nor a winter resort; there vertising the commission form of gov- of the opposition there, ernmen, or, as it is commonly known, the "Des Moines plan."

Delegations from commercial clubs ation measure.

"The recall, the initiative and referthe percentage required are too high

elvic organizations, representa-

and to whose economic interests it is to observe his master, has the powr to declare the petition for the recali

"Again, the rolice judge is the are pointee of the commissioners, and will obey orders in like man it as the at the behest of his superiors. dividuals disposed to criticize the commissioners and their acts may be handled by the police judge.

"Again, police parties having been eliminated, the election machinery a absolutely in the hands of the commission. The city clerk appoints all judges and clerks of election, and the judges thus appointed select the chaltem. It can exist without these feat- lengers, which ought to make a perfect machine for the perpetuity in

to supplement the system of govern- tmem occasionally is found a labor leader whose function it is to swing the labor vote-return home and commence an agitation in favor of previous administrations. bination of legislative, judicial and the adoption of the commission form executive functions in a commission of and unless the people in the various the elimination of ward lines and ward democracy in local government have been sufficiently aroused to oppose epidemic over a large part of the orable record for the ensuing year. country.

the party take an active interest in securing the defeat of measures calmountain scenery there, but the icipalities, when such are introduced "booster" spirit is as prevalent in Des in the legislatures of the various the Supreme Court. Moines, as elsewhere, if not more so. states, as well as to secure the defeat To attract visitors to the city from of such system in the cities should \$5,000 \$10,000 is spent annually ad- the legislatures enact the law in spite

> Government by commission has al! the earmarks of a distinctive corpor-

> this time by any official to block the

The Referendum

Petition blanks are being circulated throughout the state, for a referendum on the militia law. All those who are willing to assist in getting the necessary signatures should writ the News on the subject.

The following rules governing the referendum law must be observed: Only those who voted last Novem-

ber election can sign referendum petitions, and signers can only sign petitions in the county they voted in. It is unlawful to sign the name of any other person, and any one doing so can be punished according to law. All petitions must be filed with

the County Clerk and Recorder in the county in which signers reside in. County Clerk and Recorder, should give you our price on doing it for you take a receipt for same, and receipt All profit from job work goes to carry should state the numbers of signers on the work of agitation.

on petitions. Three years ago when an attempt was made to use the referendum, e rtain County Clerks and Recorden held up the petitions, with the deliberate purpose of defeating the measure. Should any attempt be made ready for mailing April 25th.

referendum, by unlawful means, the> that official will have a scrap on his hands, and we mean what we say.

WARNING

Any person signing any name other than his own to this petition, or sign, ing the same name more than once for the same measure at one election, or who is not, at the time of signing this petition, a legal voter of this state is punishable by a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars (\$500.) or imprisonment in the state penitentary not exceeding two (2) years, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

Have you any printing you desire Those filing the petitions with the done. If so, we will be pleased to

> The Montana News will print the Montana militia bill in pamphlet form, the price of which will be 10 cents per copy, postpaid. The same will be

Mayor Seidel's Annnual Report

(Continued from Fage 1.)

ever possible these should be as close tion. to school houses as possible, for they should also be utilized as educational grounds. I earnestly solicit your attention to this feature.

River Front.

A propostion to beautify the river Immediate steps should be taken to front will be submitted. It is recomsecure additional grounds and where- mended to you for careful considera-

Too long has it been the custom of American cities to permit our water fronts to be the unsightliest parts of our communities. When, as in the

case to be presented, the work can be partmenthas constantly stood ready to wise policy is to further the proceed- of the ordinances.

Board of Recreation.

that it is planned to establish. An absolutely free to the victims and the enabling act is now pending before department stands ready to continue the legislature und your committee on the practice. legislation will undoubtedly give it due consideration.

The sucess that the dances in the Auditorium met with is a guarantee that this board will fill a long felt form of indexing the council proceed-

City Attorney's Office.

In the legal department of the city some very commendable results have the office of the scaler of weights and been registered. While it may be said | measures. Many false measures and that a portion of the success of this weights have been condemned and department is due to the influence of public temper and sentiment, yet it partment with the city attorney's ofcannot be denied that the force of the fice, many conviction brought about. legal department has represented our city very ably.

The manner in which the city attorwork under control, the careful pre- the sealer of weights and measures. parations of each case and the spirit with which they set about performing

each task, was certain to bring results When the present administration entered upon its duties there were pending against the city damage suits, the claims of which amounted to over \$1,000,000.

year's standing. Of these claims to the amount of \$280,000 have been tried or dismissed in the Circuit Cour? Only one of these cases covering a claim of \$15,000 has been appealed to the Supreme Court.

Of the seven cases that were before the Supreme Court, six were decided in favor of the city. In the preliminary hearing of the case "State o Wisconsin vs. City, County of Milwaykee', the claim for interest amounting to over \$200,000 was decided in favor of the City of Milwaukee. Thus the total of \$465,000 was decided in favor of the city.

In the handling of cases in which the city was clearly liable, a marked contrast is shown in comparison with

The average total amount of settlements for the five years preceding the three to five members, coupled with communities interested in retaining advent of the present administration was \$42,423 annually, while in the last year the total amount of settlepolitical parties however, are the the introduction of the system, it is ment was less than \$9,500. The de, elements which constitute the distin- destined to become quite a prevalent partment anticipates a still more fav-

Among the important victories that The Socialist Congress held last register a marked advance for the May,has recommended that the vari- people are the so-called Theerculin ous state and local organizations of Test case; the Woller Bond case and The Street Railway Licensecase was that never lessens, by moving forward is no lake front, bathing beach nor culated to destroy democracy in mun- decid ed against the city in the lower from one point of victory to another, court. This has been appealed to

> support of tht various departments. resistible summons to engage in, ad-Whenever called upon by the building inspector, smoke inspector or sealer of be realized toward a great city with

begun with no cost to the city, the take up the fight for the enforcement

Numerous victims of extortion were aided in release from the clutches of loan sharks and, in addition, were re-The Board of Recreation and Soc- imbursed for excess interest that they Education is one of the institutions had paid. This service was rendered

City Clerk's Office.

Many improvements have been accomplished in the city clerk's office, need. There can be no investment so, ings. Any one who ever had the need of tracing a measure through the maze of red tape will appreciate the innovation.

Very good work has been done by through the co-operation of this de-

The work has been made exceedingly effective and it is safe to say many thousands of dollars have been saved ney and his assistants have had the to the citizens through the efforts of

Smoke Inspector.

The work in the smoke inspector's office is likewise being carried on with renewed vigor. The effectivness of this work has previously been hampered partly by a weak ordinance and partly by the leniency of, courts Stronger legisclation has been asked

for from the state legislature. Since the passage of the new ordinance better results have been obtaindd and it is to be hoped that if this work is continued. Milwaukee widhave taken great steps toward being a cleaner city.

Water Department.

The bill allowing a saving to be made in the office of the water registrar by abolishing that position has been killed through the efforts of some Milwaukeeans. This is to be re-

While there are many achievements of the past year, and while there are likewise many minor problems that might be enlarged upon, each and all important in themselves, yet there is no space to do so here.

I close with repeating from my inaugural address. "All your efforts must be bent toward the execution of the task before you. Many obstacles will be place din your way. Disappointments and heartaches will not be spared you. Your sucesses may very often not follow your firs attempts.

"But resolute pluck and determined perseverance must in the end conquer the difficulties that face you. By patiently toiling with one series of problems after another, by fighting battle on battle with an enthusiasm with confidence that we are in accord with the trend of civilization and the While this work was being done, the highest ideas of humanity, out of such department was not derelict in its struggles as we are called by an irvances will be made and progress will weights and measures, the legal de- a free, independent civic spirit.

HEADQUARTERS FOR UNION PRINTING.

GRAHAM & HAZLETT, Publishers.

Comrades and Brother:-

We desire to call your attention to the printing office of the Montana News. We do all kinds of printing for labor organizations, Constitutions, By-Laws, Letter Heads, Envelopes Working Cards, all stationary and printed material used by

The Montana News is the only paper in the Rocky Mountain states that advocates the right of labor at all times and in all places. Regardless of what the greivences may be we stand by the strikers in the struggle of the union against the corporations. In more than one instance we have turned public opinion in favor of the strikers, and in more than one city and camp have we made the union label respected. The Montana News is supported exclusively by the workers and the profits from job work of the labor organizations of Montana, Wyoming, Idaho and Utah.

Perhaps your union has not required the assistance of any paper in times of trouble, but rest assured, should you organization ever become involved in a strike; the Montana News will be found on your side and ready to give all the assistance that press and pen can do to win the strike. A labor press should be built up, and we need your assistance will you send us your order for the printing of your union? Why support print shops whose paper attack you or treat your cause with silence and indifference when you are involved in a strike?

The capitalists know the power of the press and control the papers accordingly.

Should your union require anything in the line of printing give us a chance to bid on same. Ask us for our prices. We may charge higher than scab shops, but we pay all express charges on packages sent out. Remember we are the headquarters for Union Printing in the Northwest and the shop that has made the Union Label respected.

No work leaves our shop that does not bear the Union Label. None but Union men employed. Hoping to be favored by the patronage and support of your

union.

Fraternally,

MONTANA NEWS

SOCIALISM KILLED IN MILWAUKEE

By Carl D. Thompson.

istic papers of Milwaukee.

By combining the republican and democratic parties, the tax dodgers, the boodlers, the grafters, and certain church elements, the capitalists suc. ceeded in electing a few candidates to the school board and judiciary.

So now they think they have killed Socialism.

It isn't the first time the capitalists thought they had killed Socialism. Socialism can never be killed.

However, we want our comrades of America to realize fully what a desperate struggle is going on in Milwaukee, and what a desperate battle we are going to have to fight for the next year, in order to hold the city.

They cannot beat us by fair means. But that doesn't matter to them.

The truth is on our side in every detail and in every respect.

The Socialists of Milwaukee have made good, as the Socialists have in every other city, state and nation un- paper, der the shining sun where they have been given any degree of power.

In ascore of great, comprehensive propositions, and in a thousand details the administration has shown its striking superiority over every former administration in the city.

But the problem is how to get this information to the people.

No matter how good or true the the facts. And the capitalistic press it-with your help. is pouring out a tremendous volume of misrepresentation, falsehoods and of workingmen and women, read any other information desired. every day, morning, noon and night,

Such is the shout of the capital- about the Socialists and the Socialist abministraton, one reiterated story of anarchy, atheism, free love ,awful increased taxes, bankruptcy, unemployment-some are sure to be influenced by it.

In fact, prejudices and bigotry are the hardest things to overcome. And every power that the capitalistic system can marshall will be used from now on to create this sort of thing.

The capitalistic press, not only in Milwaukee, but throughout the country, will steadily and persistently misrepresent us. We must expect that. Religion prejudice will be appealed to in England it is 58 to 1.000. Even race prejudice will be appealed

Every little detail of the work of be distorted, misrepresnted, twisted out of ts true meaning-all this will be done to prejudice the people against the administration.

There is only one possible way to meet all this. We must have a daily

Comrades of America, MILWAU-KEE MUST HAVE A SOCIALIST DAILY PAPER. Will you help es-

The Milwaukee Socialist daily will established by the sale of \$10 bonds, paying 4 per cent interest after Dec. 1. Fifteen thousand dollars' worth of these bonds have been already subscribed. One hundred thouwork of an administration, its value | sand dollars is the capital necessary may be lost unless the people know to start the daily. And we will get

Remittances should be sent to H. W. Bistorius, Brisbane Hall, Sixth lies about us. If the population of and Chestnut streets, Milwaukee, Wis. this city, the thousands and thousands Comrade Bistorius will also furnish

CARL D. THOMPSON.

Our Needs In Education.

By Joseph E. Cohen,

What are our present needs in e-

To answer that question, we must first of all understand just what the school situation in this country is. For instance, we are told that.

According to the census of 1900, 223 208 white children, 10 to 14 years of age, born in the United States, could neither read nor write. Altogether, 577,649 white and colored. 71 in every 1,000 were illiterate. Germany, Norway and Sweden, the proporation is 1 to 1,000; in Switzerland it is 3 to 1,000; in Finland, 16 to 1.000; in France, 49 to 1.000, and

Moreover, of every 1,000 pupils who enter the American public schools, only 263 reach the high schools, and the Socialist administration that can these but 56 remain in the high schools until the fourth year. That is to say, 73 in every 1,000 never complete the course in the elementary schools; 94 in every 100 never complete the full 12 years schooling to the end of the high schools. (See have a very healthy public opinion, ment", published by Macmillan's,) It would seem from the above that the first need is to have the children go to school

> This is being attempted by truant are too young to go to work or loaf on the streets

> It does not make schools attractive, And if schools were attractive, and f other things were equal, the truant officer would be unnecessary.

To make the schools attractive they must be properly built, so as to let in plenty of sunshine and fresh air. and be surrounded by trees and gardens. Tha is rarely the case in large are sometimes put to school purposes. in this direction is anything but whole-

Then, too, the schools are often overcrowded. This requires that the children be put on part time, and is demoralizing to discipline. And there to teachers.

Teachers, in turn, are insufficiently centive to render the best service, or are not in a position to equip themselves properly, where the incentive is not lacking.

But aside from all that, it is not not prepared to improve their time to the best advantage. They may go breakfastless some days; they may suffer from chronic underfeeding and malnutrition; in some towns they still have to purchase their textbooks Too much emphasis cannot be placed upon the fact that an under nourished, vitiated body makes for an undevel-

oped, warped mind. Having thus even casually glanced over the present school situation, we are ready to formulate certain definite requirements.

Schools should be physically at tractive. The pupils should be glad to be in school because of the pleasant appearance and invigorating surround-

Text books should be supplied free Children should be fed and clothed, where need be, at the public expense this to be done in such a way as to carry no taint of pauperism.

for physical or mental defects; phy. sicians, dentists and nurses should be at the disposal of schools principals, and employed by the city. Physical culture should form an im-

Pupils should be examined regularly

portant part of the work. Excursions should be made to places of natural. historical, artistic, and commercial interest, and as much of the studying should be done out of doors as pos-

While education should aim at uniformity, so far as the work in the graded classes is concerned, the merit system of marking should be so flexible as to permit the pupil to develope in whatever direction he is most apt, and not compel him to cram himself full of stuff which he does not care

In the same way, the curriculum should be drawn up with some idea of preparing the pupil for his life work. This is now done, in a mees ure, by providing manuel training and commercial high schools. But even in the regular courses, and before the high schools are reached, care should be exercised to impress the pupil with the actual facts of our present social relations and business methods, so roll." that the child of the poor will have a fairer chance to make his way

Trade schools should be under the upervision of labor unions, that they may turn out skilled artizars instead of cheap laborers.

The school spirit should be that of international fraternity instead of national jingoism; it should be healthy antidote and prophylactic for the boy scout movement; it should be the basis of a better and higher form of civilization.

Yet, a large part of the school pro. blem exists entirely outside the school itself.

If the pupil is to be interested in his studies, home life must be agree-As a general thing, stunted conditions in the study room will make for stunted development. Where the study room is the kitchen, or the only living room with heat in winter, as it is in hundreds of thousands of tenements and homes of the poor, even though arrangements at school be satisfactory, still the general results would be far from gratifying.

To cope with the school problem in its entirety, the municipality and the state must do something in the way of providing better housing. cleaner streets, insure employment to the adult, and protect him in case of sickness, injury, old age, or death.

That is to say, we can not properly handle the school question until we Scott Nearing's book, "Social Adjust- a public opinion that recognizes its obligations to the children of the working people.

The free school system was largely won by working people; but since this class today has no appreciable inofficers in many cities. But that is fluence in government, and since for a very superficial method. At best the man of large means the safety it drives unwillingly such children as vault is his shrine of devotion, the public schools are regarded much as a by product of the factory. A new public opinion must therefor be developed, in which direction women have taken, and must continue to take, great part.

With such a public opinion, permeated with Socialist thought, it will be only a question of time before the nation's children will be given every opportunity to grow in mind and body cities. Indeed, ramshackle tenements among happy school mates and play mates, so that when the child reacher and the example set by the city fathers maturity his faculities will be fully developed, and so that the human family will mount to better standards from generation to generation.

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the U. S.? Are you a civil or military officer s

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Victor Berger In Washington.

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United Press, Berger defends the "re- | be assigned to a couple of s :all and Arizona constitution. He says:

laws become the real reflections of mittee in the House the collective will of the people can they never will have basis in fact.

iary, will undoubtedly strengthen it." place on the District of Columbia com- gress. mittee. As he did not ask for any And the only Socialist Congresman

call of the judiciary" clause in the unimportant committees. Therefore it was somewhat of a surprise that he "Not until both the judges and the had ben put on the fourth largest com-

Of course, it would have been much the people have any respect for the better had they given Berger a berth judges and the law. Until such is the on such committee as Ways and case, decisions of judges may be en- Means, Foreign Relations, Appropriforced by the power of the state, but ations, etc. But Berger is an undesirable citizen. And has to be satis-"Therefore, the right to recall jud- fied with any assignment the capitalges, instead of weakening the judic- ist hirelings choose to give him. Berger hopes for better days, when Berger has been appointed to a there will be a Socialist group in Con-

favors from the old party leaders, it is certain that he will have a good was generally expected that he would many in the sixty-third congress.

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