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SOCIALIST



VICTORIES

EVERYWHERE.

LARGE INCREASE OF SOCIALISTS

Socialists Carry Butte by Large Pluralities - Great Gains all Over the Country

For the third time in eight years the Socialists of Montana have elected a mayor. First there was Anaconda in 1903, then Red Lodge in 1907 and now Butte.

Last Monday the Socialists carried the city of Butte by pluralities which, in many cases, probably exceed those ever received by a candidate in the history of Butte. Lewis J. Duncan was elected mayor, receiving a majority of 445 votes over all the other candidates.

The Socialist aldermen were elected in five of the eight wards. Substantial pluralities, and in the seventh and eighth wards overwhelming majorities returned them winners.

All things considered, the victory was one of the most overwhelming ever scored by a political party in the city.

The vote by wards follows.

First Ward. For mayor—John J. Quinn (dem.) 224; E. D. Elderkin (rep.) 45; L. J. Duncan (soc.) 211; H. I. Allen (ind.) 4. For treasurer—McCarthy (dem.) 193; Scott (rep.) 59; Shovlin (soc.) 202. For alderman—McCarthy (dem.) 198; Kilgallon (rep.) 52; Curran (soc.) 202. For police magistrate—McGowan (dem.) 153; Holliday (rep.) 41; Booher (soc.) 140.

Second Ward. For mayor—Quinn (dem.) 416; Elderkin (rep.) 202; Duncan (soc.) 536. For treasurer—McCarthy (dem.) 344; Scott (rep.) 345; Shovlin (soc.) 413. For alderman—Doner (dem.) 437; Bailey (rep.) 276; Deloughrey (soc.) 313. For police magistrate—McGowan (dem.) 365; Holliday (rep.) 214; Booher (soc.) 313.

Third Ward. For mayor—Quinn (dem.) 216; Elderkin (rep.) 88; Duncan (soc.) 482. For treasurer—McCarthy (dem.) 268; Scott (rep.) 146; Shovlin (soc.) 423. For alderman—Boyle (dem.) long term, 323; Smith (dem.) short term, 273; Murray (rep.) long term, 116; McManus (soc.) long term, 405. For police magistrate—McGowan (dem.) 253; Holliday (rep.) 93; Booher (soc.) 338.

Fourth Ward.

For mayor—Quinn (dem.) 257; Elderkin (rep.) 196; Duncan (soc.) 352. For treasurer—McCarthy (dem.) 218; Scott (rep.) 339; Shovlin (soc.) 238. For alderman—Arthur (dem.) 145; Hawke (rep.) 273; Driscoll (soc.) 245.

For police magistrate—McGowan (dem.) 315; Holliday (rep.) 178; Booher (soc.) 195. Fifth Ward. For mayor—Quinn (dem.) 306; Elderkin (rep.) 81; Duncan (soc.) 432. For treasurer—McCarthy (dem.) 275; Scott (rep.) 122; Shovlin (soc.) 377.

For alderman—DeLaney (dem.) 282; Johnson (rep.) 165; Rissel (soc.) 340. For police magistrate—McGowan (dem.) 263; Holliday (rep.) 97; Booher (soc.) 340. Sixth Ward. For mayor—Quinn (dem.) 271; Elderkin (rep.) 213; Duncan (soc.) 427. For treasurer—McCarthy (dem.) 222; Scott (rep.) 356; Shovlin (soc.) 299. For alderman—Barker (rep.) 311; Freudenstein (dem.) 273; Houghton (soc.) 292.

For police magistrate—McGowan (dem.) 312; Holliday (rep.) 219; Booher (soc.) 297. Seventh Ward. For mayor—Quinn (dem.) 246; Elderkin (rep.) 173; Duncan (soc.) 870. For treasurer—McCarthy (dem.) 307; Scott (rep.) 312; Shovlin (soc.) 728.

For alderman—Schumaker (dem.) 222; Dents (rep.) 278; Cox (soc.) 722. For police magistrate—McGowan (dem.) 305; Holliday (rep.) 175; Booher (soc.) 614. Eighth Ward. For mayor—Quinn (dem.) 299; Elderkin (rep.) 295; Duncan (soc.) 959. For treasurer—McCarthy (dem.) 327; Scott (rep.) 534; Shovlin (soc.) 747.

For alderman—O'Meara (dem.) 407; Dragstedt (rep.) 479; Davis (soc.) 739. For police magistrate—McGowan (dem.) 451; Holliday (rep.) 309; Booher (soc.) 618. MISSOULA. The socialists were beat in the fourth ward by only fourteen votes, the republican winning and the democrats taking third place. This is the nearest approach the Socialists of Missoula have ever been to winning.

BILLINGS. M. W. Russell the Socialist candidate for mayor polled 271 votes, this being an increase of over 150 per cent over the vote of a year ago. In the

ing 169 votes, this being one of the surprises of the election. fourth ward, Russell ran second, polling 169 votes.

HELENA.

The Socialists of Helena elected an alderman in the sixth ward. This is the ward in which the railroad men reside, and it was the first opportunity the railroad boys have had since the legislature adjourned to register their protest against the infamous militia law. The Socialist received 22 more votes than the democrat and republican combined.

The vote cast in the various ward was as follows.

First Ward.

F. W. Schwartz (rep.) 166; Frank H. Moore (dem.) 146; John M. Schopfer (soc.) 22.

Second Ward.

L. H. Schaeffer (rep.) 100; R. E. Deegan (dem.) 72; Louis Arnold (soc.) 18.

Third Ward.

J. J. McNeerney (dem.) 155; O. H. P. Shelly (rep.) 131; Bernard Leopold (soc.) 15.

Fourth Ward.

W. M. Biggs (dem.) 85; C. B. Miller (rep.) 73; A. Anderson (soc.) 2.

Fifth Ward.

John Carlson (rep.) 115; Martin Prosser (dem.) 84; Henry Clausen (soc.) 20.

Sixth Ward.

Herman Luehman (soc.) 159; John Majerous, sr. (rep.) 106; John C. Carey (dem.) 22.

Seventh Ward.

B. R. Streets (rep.) 186; J. C. Brodessor (dem.) 106; John Huesby (soc.) 103.

LEWISTOWN.

Joseph Heaney, Socialist was elected alderman of the second ward of Lewistown, over the non-partisan candidate by three votes.

KALISPELL.

The Socialists of Kalispell elected an alderman, beating the non-partisan candidate in one ward. The non-partisan elected the other two aldermen.

ANOTHER ONE.

The Socialists elected one alderman out of three in Walkerville, a suburb of Butte.

SOUTH FRANKFORT, MICH.

The Socialists of South Frankfort, Mich., fighting the two old parties which had combined under the name "Citizens" won a signal victory by electing the entire Socialist city ticket excepting one trustee, who got a tie vote with his opponent. The tie will be decided by casting lots.

NORTH HALEDON, N. J.

Robert Branch and William Kondia, Socialists were elected members of the school board for a three year term each. The Socialists now have four members on the board, having elected two members last year, whose terms have not yet expired.

BENNINGTON, VERMONT.

The Socialists defeated the "Citizens" by electing Ernest Barber as Attorney for the town of Bennington, Vermont.

TENSTRIKE, MINN.

With only two parties in the field Jas. Sturdevant, the Socialist candidate was elected mayor of Tenstrike, Minn.

IOWA

In Marshalltown, Iowa, the Socialist candidate for mayor, in a poll of more than three thousand, was defeated by only 184 votes.

In Belle Plaine, Iowa, the Socialist candidate for mayor was defeated by five votes. E. L. Swinny Socialist was elected alderman.

In Colfax, Iowa, Frank L. Evans, Socialist, was elected councilman at large by a majority of one, and Thos. Hind, Socialist was elected a member of the school board.

Flint, Mich., April 4—The Socialist city ticket was elected yesterday, with the exception of treasurer, also three aldermen, three supervisors and two members of the board of education.

VICTOR, COLO.

At Victor, Colo., the entire Socialist ticket was elected by approximately 500 majority.

Girard, Kansas, Socialists elected one Socialist to the city council. Fred Warren editor of the Appeal to Reason was defeated for member of the school board.

CALIFORNIA

The Socialists of Berkeley, California, have elected the mayor, J. Stitt Wilson, by a majority of 284.

Wilson received 2,750 votes and the anti-socialist Beverly Hodghead got 2,446 votes.

J. Stitt Wilson was Socialist candidate for Governor of California last November and polled upwards of 60,000 votes. He has been active all winter lecturing throughout the state and was one of five Socialists who lobbied at the California State Capital during the session of the legislature in that state.

The Socialists of California maintained a lobby at the legislature to work for measures which would benefit the wage earners, besides keeping track of vicious legislation. The Socialist lobbyists did splendid work.

J. Stitt Wilson has been active for twelve years in the Socialist movement and much is expected from his victory in this election.

Theodore Roosevelt while in Berkeley recently, advocated the election of Hodghead, the anti-socialist. The election of Stitt Wilson is therefore another defeat for Teddy.

WISCONSIN

Milwaukee, Wis., April 4—In the elections in various cities and towns throughout Wisconsin, outside of Milwaukee, socialists made a fight for offices and were successful in several instances. Socialists captured two county supervisors in Superior, and one alderman and a justice of the peace in Racine.

The Socialists of Milwaukee have received a slight repulse this election, failing to elect any of their candidates

REPULSED BUT NOT ROUTED

On the Firing Line in Milwaukee. Old Parties Fuse in Attempt to Check Socialism

The practical fusion of the republicans and democrats at the by-election held in Milwaukee Tuesday resulted in a so-called set back to the Socialists. This setback however cannot be called a defeat, in any sense of the word.

In fact, it cannot properly be called even a setback. Seidel's vote at the by-election two years ago, when he ran to fill a vacancy for alderman-at-large, was 8,555. Comrade Minkley this year was to fill a similar vacancy, caused by the death of Comrade Sultaire. Minkley's vote yesterday was 12,254 a gain of nearly 4,000.

The highest vote for the school director on the Socialist ticket was 6,999. Yesterday the highest vote for school director on our ticket was 12,110.

In view of the tremendous efforts of the enemy to discredit the administration by every means, fair and foul, this gain at a by-election, when only a small percent of the vote came out, should be considered as a real victory.

It is like the result in the last election for the German Reichstag, when the German Socialists lost seats but gained votes.

It will be remembered that the Socialists carried Milwaukee last spring in a three-cornered fight. They did not have a majority of all the votes cast. They understood that sooner or later the two old parties would combine against them, and that when they did so, this would mean that the Socialist party would have to grow into a majority party, in order to hold the city.

This is exactly what the old parties did in the campaign just ended. The democrats put up a candidate for alderman-at-large to fill the vacancy of Comrade Sultaire, -deceased- the only candidate besides judges and school directors to be voted for this year. The republicans endorsed the democratic nominee, forming a practical fusion.

As for the school board, the Roman Catholics put up a ticket, which was distributed in the Catholic churches, and the priests in their pulpits instructed their parishioners to vote for it. On election day, the Catholic priests brought women voters to the polls in carriages. In one precinct where the Socialists were not entitled to election inspectors the priests marched the faithful right into the polling booths. The policeman in the booth meanwhile conveniently absent himself, so that it would be impossible to prevent this violation of the election laws. Even the Italian women, who cannot read and know less of politics than a six-year old child, were duly marched to the old ticket to vote the "Non-partisan anti-socialist ticket" as the Catholic slate was called.

Therefore, although the Socialist

vote for school director was nearly double their vote of two years ago, it is not surprising that the Catholic ticket won.

Another heavy handicap for the Socialists was the capitalist daily press of Milwaukee which constantly vilified the Socialist administration and printed the most bare-faced lies, while the Socialists had no adequate means of getting the truth before the people. Seven capitalist papers, pouring out poison seven days in the week, cannot be counteracted by one bulletin distributed once a week from house to house.

All which goes to show that the Socialists must have a daily Socialist paper in order to hold Milwaukee next year.

The meeting held in Freie Gemeinde Hall to receive the election returns Tuesday night was without exception the finest Socialist meeting your correspondent ever attended. Not in point of numbers nor the eloquence of the speakers, but in the spirit of the comrades. Never before did they show the same resolute courage, the same solidarity, the same solemn determination, as in this meeting when these dampening returns came in. It is easy to be enthusiastic in the hour of victory. But the combined opposition of all the forces of capitalism, superstition and reaction has solidified and compacted the Socialist movement of Milwaukee to a degree before unknown.

The first thing the comrades did in their hour of disappointment was to start a subscription for a Socialist daily. Over four thousand dollars were subscribed in an hour, and the boom for the Daily fairly launched. Thus we shall be ready for the enemy next time. We must expect that the old parties will unite in the majority election next year. But the Milwaukee Socialists do not fear the issue. With a solidified movement, with a daily press, and with a stern determination to win in the long war, we cannot lose Milwaukee.

The Capitalist press has been howling continually that the terrible Socialists had "scared capital away from Milwaukee." The Milwaukee daily papers are all the time whining that the Socialist administration is fearfully extravagant, that it has burdened the city with debts, destroyed Milwaukee's credit, etc.

Last week an issue of Milwaukee bonds was put on the market. After all the capitalist press had said, it might have been supposed that nobody would be very anxious to purchase these bonds. So it was rather funny to see that even the capitalists themselves take no stock in what