

STATEMENT
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Expenses for week, 191.45
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A Million and Then Some.

On the 16th day of May, 1903, the Appeal announced the Jubilee edition, and began the work of securing the manifold data, pictures, etc., that were required to measure up to our purpose. We asked the army to buy a million copies for distribution, promising a paper that would be worth the price. The days dragged along like weeks and the weeks into months before we could begin to put the office in shape for the BIGGEST RUN OF PAPERS THAT EVER CAME FROM A SINGLE PRESS IN ONE EDITION.

What They Wrote About. On August 14, 1888, a comrade clipped the following article from the "Leipziger Tageblatt": "On August 30th there will be a special election in the sixth reichstag election district of Berlin. If the parties of law and order would do their duty, it would be possible to win this district from the Socialists. Unluckily the opponents of the Socialists are divided in three groups, and all appeals to unite are ridiculed by them."

Soldiers Homes

Some weeks ago the Appeal stated that it had been informed that the title to the lands on which the soldiers homes are build did not belong to the United States government. It brought forth a storm of protests and inquiries. My informant was a member of the commissary department in one of the homes. He wrote me that the department answered that about the matter received no reply. I then wrote a comrade in Washington City to look up the matter. I am in receipt of his reply as follows, which corroborates my contention: Washington City, Aug. 19, 1903. J. A. Wayland, Girard, Kansas: I am trying to find out the status of the soldiers homes I want to the Inspector general's office, war department, saw the chief clerk and found out that the government owns nothing of the homes. All the property is in the names of the board of managers appointed by congress. They get the appropriation made by congress and run the whole machine. All the United States does is for the Inspector general's office to "inspect" them once a year. The government builds all the buildings, keeps up all the repairs and foots the bills AND DOES NOTHING.



The Appeal's "Sanctum Sanctorum" a la Jubilee Edition.

Alabama 14,503
Arkansas 14,237
Arizona 8,790
California 69,529
Colorado 19,160
Connecticut 11,257
District of Columbia 9,143
Florida 11,900
Georgia 9,180
Idaho 11,317
Illinois 49,127
Indiana 13,121
Iowa 23,040
Kansas 39,187
Kentucky 8,175
Louisiana 14,140
Maine 5,915
Maryland 9,956
Massachusetts 31,719
Michigan 22,417
Minnesota 16,312
Mississippi 5,685
Missouri 53,220
Montana 5,129
Nebraska 12,782
Nevada 1,470
New Hampshire 24,940
New Jersey 5,370
New Mexico 8,257
New York 146,700
North Carolina 12,160
North Dakota 10,295
Ohio 45,591
Oklahoma 14,625
Oregon 16,719
Pennsylvania 132,389
Rhode Island 2,830
South Carolina 1,722
South Dakota 8,150
Tennessee 25,425
Texas 119,757
Utah 5,129
Virginia 18,933
Washington 22,585
West Virginia 2,420
Wisconsin 29,785
Wyoming 1,965
Canada 21,960
Total 1,039,088
Regular Issue 230,000

Can You Think? You are a workman. What interest have you in the capitalistic system? In what is your interest bound up with those who fleece you? You have to work for all you get. You would or should do that under any system. Then how could Socialism injure you? Under Socialism you will get the equivalent of ALL you produce now you get but a small part.

Socialists Causing Alarm. Here is something from the Austin, Texas, Statesman of Aug. 16, which Socialists have known for a long time, but which the capitalistic element is just waking up to see. This makes the Socialists smile—to think how long the old party press has been blind to coming events: "Socialism is not only a force to be reckoned with in the mill towns of the old Bay State, but in Boston and on the farms. The Socialists as a political party are as yet only in a formative state, but they have more than a year before them to recruit and organize for the national contest of 1904. In politics a year is long, and great changes may occur in that time; but thoughtful political leaders are considering, NOT WITHOUT ALARM, the rapid, steady increase in the hosts of Socialism."

Democratic Love of Liberty. How democrats protect liberty where they have the governor, the legislature, the judges, and complete control of state machinery. Read this and ask yourself if there is any more hope of justice under democratic than under republican trust rule: Montgomery, Ala., Aug. 28.—From Troy, Ala., comes a report of two white men being held in peonage. United States officers have arrested Marion Priestwood on the charge of holding an old man and his son, named English, under threats of imprisonment and without trial for work out a pretended justice court penalty of \$50. The justice of the peace in the case was a son of Priestwood, and the acting constable a man in his employ.

Populists Are Coming Toward Us. The "Nebraska Independent," a populist paper, issued its number of July 23 as a Karl Marx edition. This number contains contributions by well-known Socialists in this country and other countries, and a number of contributions from others who are either in sympathy with our movement or opposed to it. The total impression of this issue is very fair to the Socialist movement, and will not doubt go a good way toward spreading the teachings of Socialism still more rapidly among the small farmers than hitherto. The Socialist sees in this edition the entering wedge into the camp of those populists who still nurse the dream of an independent populist party. Before long the editors of the "Independent" will find it necessary to transform their paper into a scientific Socialist organ, or go out of business. Being thoroughly honest and sincere men, they will naturally espouse the cause of Socialism, when the old populist banner will have disappeared beneath the political waters.

As I understand it, under Socialism a worker has the full product of his labor, that a day's labor on one thing will exchange even for a day's work on another. If that is so, the workers have it all, and where does the sick people, the old people and the children have to turn? Not satisfied with stopping Fitts from speaking on the streets, they have boycotted him from every hall in the city. And this is democracy. This is the thing a million western populists against the protests of their southern brethren fell over themselves in '96 to face with, in order THAT WE MIGHT GET

Democracy Rules the South.

A Sample of Tyranny Unparalleled in all the Realm of Capitalism—Fitts Sentenced to 30 Days on the Chain Gang.

What a great stir one lone Socialist can make. Atlanta, Ga., is a city of some 90,000 people composed like other places of about 90 per cent workers and 10 per cent capitalists. The 90 per cent workers do all the hard work, create all the wealth, live in the uncomfortable houses, eat the poorest food, while the 10 per cent capitalists have all the fun, live in the palaces, drive the fine turnouts, are waited on by the working class, AND DO ALL THE GOVERNING. A man by the name of Fitts comes to town and mounts a box on the street corner, and begins to tell the 90 per cent that they are fools to permit a small minority of the people to possess all the good things of the city and rule like despots, when it lies in the power of the 90 per cent to possess themselves first of the government, and then of the capital—the machinery of production and distribution—which the working class has been busy creating year after year. Now this man Fitts is mild-mannered and cultured, a graduate of the best educational institutions of the south. He carried no bombs on his person, and was armed only with an intelligent understanding, with which to make his assault on the great city. He carried no message of physical force to the Atlanta working men, his one plea was that they should go to the ballot box, and by means which the constitution prescribes, vote their own class into power. The capitalist class owned all the halls which the working class had built, and Fitts was compelled to take to that great hall where there are no seats to either sit or stand the will of the 10 per cent or get aside the constitution. The Appeal argued that it was worth all it would cost to make the courts SHOW THEIR HAND. We have chronicled in previous issues the details up to the time the case went to the courts. We have yet to tell you how when the case was called the mayor of this great city, insisted for the first time in his official life on sitting as judge and jury, and how when the face of a trial was played to a flush he went beyond even the terms of the unconstitutional city ordinance and sentenced Fitts to 30 DAYS IN THE CHAIN GANG. Of course an appeal was taken from this farcical decision, and now the Georgia judges have something to sweat over. WE HAVE MOVED, and it is now their turn. Not satisfied with stopping Fitts from speaking on the streets, they have boycotted him from every hall in the city. And this is democracy. This is the thing a million western populists against the protests of their southern brethren fell over themselves in '96 to face with, in order THAT WE MIGHT GET



Some Liberty from Capitalism. This is a sample of that Jeffersonian democracy of which we hear so much from the pen and voice of men like Bryan, Johnson and Hearst. Democracy, as what deeds are done in thy name, what crimes disgrace the land at thy hand? Not against the south; do we wish to reach. Not the poverty crushed, wage slave or farmer of Georgia do we wish to condemn. No, his only crime is his lack of spirit, that he does not rebel against the hoodling, buncoing 10 per cent who constitute the ruling class, hold all the political power, and do all the governing. In all that dismal sea of northern capitalism cursed cities governed by republicanism there is nothing approaching the freedom of the ruling class in Atlanta. Capitalism can hope for no firmer friends than porters than the southern bourgeois democrats, who are republicans in everything but name. The task of unending despotism in the south is a gigantic one. It is not however hopeless. FOR YEARS THE MAJORITY OF THE WHITE WORKERS OF GEORGIA AND ALABAMA HAVE NOT BEEN TO POLLS. They have felt hopeless of political redemption. They only need a thing that has the force of a political revolution and the staying qualities of a command their support. When a movement is Socialism, it never retreats or surrenders. IT CONQUERS. Fitts is in Atlanta. He is meeting the men in their houses and at their work. Last week five thousand pieces of literature were distributed in the city, and this week another avalanche will follow. Eighteen new members have been added to the local in the last week. SOCIALISM HAS INVADED ATLANTA TO STAY, AND IT WILL NEVER LEAVE TILL THE 90 PER CENT MASTER THE POLITICAL POWER AND DRIVE THE 10 PER CENT FROM POSSESSION TO WHICH THEY ARE JUSTICE OR REASON BRINGS THEM. THE CASE MAY GO AGAINST FITT, BUT WHEN HE DOES A MULTITUDE OF WORKING MEN WILL GO TO THE SOCIALIST PARTY. Bring on your reforms, SOCIALISM NEVER GROWS FAST AS WHEN VIGOROUSLY OPPOSED.

N. O. Nelson, the manufacturer of plumbing goods in St. Louis, will open a training school at his factory at Le Clair, Ill., where any person over 16 years of age can get a training in a number of industries and agriculture, without cost of any kind. Every young man or woman will be given bread and clothing and training absolutely free. If the government were not run by hoodlers the public would have such training schools for all children of the nation, but the hoodlers prefer to steal the public funds rather than use it for the benefit of the people. What a shame that the people provides no training for the children whom it expects to grow up useful, intelligent citizens. When the government get control training schools will be built of sufficient capacity to teach all the children of the nation, and the property of the nation will be taxed to pay for them, and the hoodlers will take a nice little business where the clothing is striped.

They Will All Be Socialists

In the old days of the Farmers' Alliance movement the best known worker in all the nation was J. F. Willits of this state. An old letter head of the executive department of the Alliance, and which calls to memory days that were pregnant with possibilities, and on fire with the zeal of a mighty revolution that had come up from the western prairies and the sunny land of Dixie, but now only records broken promises and wrecked hopes, he writes us the following letter: McLouth, Kansas, Aug. 23, 1903. Dear Comrades:—Inclosed find one dollar. Don't waste the press. Every pulsation of its mighty machinery breathes hope and proclaims liberty to the plundered victims of chartered crimes in every capitalist cursed country round the grey old world. In 1890 I was elected governor of Kansas, but counted out by the ruling party. I lacked but one vote of getting the seat of John J. Ingalls in the United States senate. I was elected lecturer of the National Alliance in '91, and preached the gospel according to the Alliance dispensation, equal rights to all and special privileges to none, in every state and territory in the Union; met our people in great picnics by the acre; organized state Alliances in Iowa, Washington, Ohio, New York, and New Jersey. I was afterwards elected president of the National Alliance, Designing unprincipled leaders sold the people's party to the democrats, in the hope of getting a place at the pie counter. THE PARTY IS DEAD BEYOND THE POWER OF RESURRECTION, and now to the thousands of brethren I have looked in the face in the past, I want to say, VOTE THE SOCIALIST TICKET AND GET ALL WE HAVE EVER ASKED FOR AND MORE, by the success of the Socialist party. I have spent my life of 70 years on the farm. It is as good a farm as there is in the land. I do not owe a dollar on it, or a cent to any one, and yet I am one of the fool farmers who believes that Socialism is the only salvation of both the farmers and the wage workers, and that in the class struggle the farmer must perform his full share in the overthrow of capitalism. J. F. WILLITS.

Socialism and the Negro.

Whether it was Ham, the famed son of Noah, the African climate, or a peculiar process of evolution that produced the negro, no one as yet has quite determined, but we all know that he is here in the United States and that he is a factor both in industry and politics.

The matter of citizenship has benefited the negro not at all in the south for he has either not been permitted to vote, or when he has used the ballot it has been counted to suit the master class.

We never see an old Grand Army man relating his achievements in the war of the rebellion and the results of his sacrifice, but what we wonder at his blindness and childish innocence.

The south has its capitalist class represented in the railroad, the factory, the cotton trust, and the landlord. This same capitalist class keeps the wage worker and small farmer class in a condition of slavery.

It was easy to predict what the first cry to go up against us would be. Negro rule and race equality, of course. The white worker in the shop, mine and factory is told that Socialism means race equality.

But, says our southern Socialist, the negro has no vote, and therefore it is useless talking to him. You have forgotten something friend, for while the negro has no vote, he has all the qualifications for a soldier of capitalism.

For what other possible purpose is the enormous increase in the militia and all talk of a foreign war is the sheepest nonsense. The capitalist class of the different nations do not war with each other, they combine, and cooperate.

It is possible for a capitalist congress to override the constitution at any time and disfranchise the working class majority. The Socialists are often accused of fomenting armed revolution. The charge of course is false, but it should be remembered that the CAPITALIST CLASS CAN MAKE REVOLUTION OF THIS KIND A NECESSITY.

Is it not time to be reasonable on the race question? The white workers and the black workers are both the wage slaves of capitalism. To unite for common protection is for both to be free, to divide into hostile camps is for both to continue in slavery.

MEANING OF THE NEW MILITIA LAW.

The Appeal to Reason of June 8th contained a very valuable public document, the "Act to promote the efficiency of the militia and for other purposes."

For years the "organized" militia of the different states has been virtually only a guard to put down strikes and quell "labor troubles."

Nominally every able-bodied male citizen and all who have declared their intention of becoming citizens, of more than 18 and less than 45 years, are to be members. But this is only nominally the case.

What does all this mean? It means the capitalist class is getting ready. Now I am not one of those Socialists who glory in "revolutionary" phrases.

A revolution is always dependent on the development of conditions. Even a bloody revolution, if it is to accomplish anything lasting, can only be the seal of a general change in men's minds on certain political or economic subjects.

But it is a fact that even the actual realization of a genuine reform cannot be expected as long as there is no possibility of martial resistance against the capitalist class.

On the other hand, those who have studied history closely know also that talking and voting alone will never solve the fundamental question. No ruling class in the history of the world has ever yielded its power peacefully.

We shall have to fight, not for proclaiming the Co-operative Commonwealth, or even for any thorough-going Socialist transition measure, but in all probability for keeping the degree of political liberties we now possess against the encroachment of plutocracy.

However, we must not forget that all nations which have revolutionized existing conditions or have resisted enslavement have done so by the sword.

In France indeed the great Revolution did not begin until the people had plundered the state arsenal on the night of the 13th of July 1789, and took thence 28,500 guns and cartridges.

And we know that the uprising of the Commune of Paris in 1871 was only made possible by the government distributing 500,000 rifles and the necessary ammunition among the proletarians of Paris.

SUCCESSFUL EYE TREATMENT.

After many years of constant practice and experimenting it was demonstrated by Dr. Owen that the cause of the eye disease which will yield to treatment without resorting to surgery.

For years he has been announcing his discovery in our columns. We're not fulfilling his claims and treating condition. His adv. would not have been inserted in this time.

A short while ago we received a copy of his latest work, "The Eye Disease," with half-ton engravings, and describes the various troubles and how they may be cured at home quickly and at small cost.

Discharging the Socialists

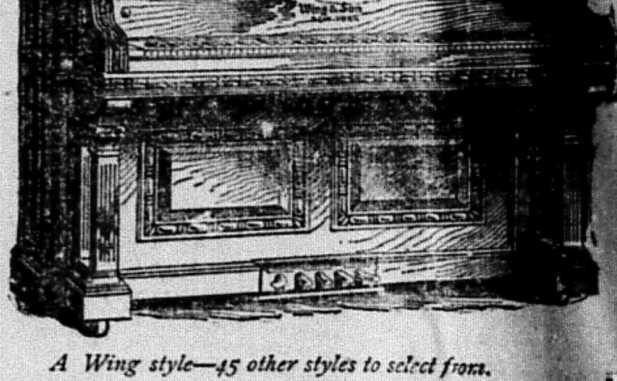
Last spring the Socialists carried Anaconda, Mont., by a large majority, electing all the city officials. Anaconda is practically owned by the Amalgamated Copper Co., and this institution at once began a wholesale discharge of its Socialist employees.

There is, however, a ray of comfort in the loss of jobs by the Socialists of Montana. Once a Socialist always a Socialist, and wherever they go they will carry the gospel with them.

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While the office bull dog was taking his usual afternoon nap, the mascot of our local paper dropped in and took a good square look at the new prospect.

The Labor Exchange. WHAT IT IS—The Labor Exchange is a benevolent association incorporated under the laws of Missouri and having branches in nearly every State in the Union.

Big Land Opening. A large tract comprising thousands of acres of fertile lands in the famous Red River Valley is now thrown open to the public for settlement.

Letters to Churchmen. I have shown "class-consciousness" to be an intellectual conviction of this state of society and moral degradation. ("Sin" is a state, not an act—a product, not the act of its production.)

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