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SOCIALIST VOTE IN THE UNITED STATES.

Table showing Socialist vote in the United States for years 1888, 1892, 1896, 1900, and 1902.

WHICH WAS THE SOCIALIST, AND WHICH THE NON-SOCIALIST?

A Pullman, Wash., correspondent, F. J. Baymiller, reports in the "Seattle Socialist" of March 29 a meeting held in his town...

The non-Socialist's question was a graphic bit of self-photography on the part of the habits of thought acquired under capitalist conditions and environment.

Man is so natural born monstrosity. A person capable of rendering valuable or exceptional services, say, a Jim Hill, does not find satisfaction in the depression of others.

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race from stepping out of its present shocking mining-camp social state, and into civilized conditions?—CAPITALISM: the private ownership of the natural (land) and the social (machinery) opportunities...

"Would Jim Hill be satisfied with the same remuneration that an ordinary train-hand or section man got?"

a Socialist would never recoil before, and dodge the mischievous, capitalist-bred superstition thus fired at him.

"Most assuredly, because, under Socialism, the pay of the 'ordinary train-hand or section man,' without whose co-operation a Jim Hill could not exercise his abilities, would be higher, deservedly so, than the pay that a Jim Hill gets, or perforce needs to-day!"

THE MERGER DECISION.

The Northern Pacific and Great Northern, two large railroad companies of the West, recently joined hands, secured control of a third line, the Burlington road, and merged or consolidated these interests by setting up a "holding company," the Northern Securities Company.

So stupendous a conception, operating so stupendous a force of capital, could not help but set fluttering all the owls of modern society.

The argument for the United States savored throughout of the demagogic, insincere and illegal spirit that prompted it.

The case has been appealed. What the decision of the United States Supreme Court will be, there would be little doubt on—if rendered after the approach-

ing Presidential election. Whatever the decision, it can not upset the laws of political economy. Given the Capitalist System, monopoly is inevitable; and beyond—the break-down of CAPITALIST SOCIETY and the rise of the SOCIALIST REPUBLIC.

PHILANTHROPY.

News comes from Cleveland, O., that Mrs. Sarah K. Bolton of that city,

"Will shortly make a tour of the States, stopping in the largest cities to plead the cause of the wail!"

"tramp cat and dog!" And the dispatches proceed to explain that:

"This energetic woman is waging an active war against the pound, and she is setting up homes of refuge for neglected animals, not only in her home city, but in Boston, Washington and some of the Southern States for her four-footed friends."

"What!" exclaims a startled Humanity at such news, "What about those two-footed beings, the children of the working class,—of all living beings the most helpless, the least able to speak for themselves!"

"Bah!" answers Philanthropy with Pecksniffian assurance. "Those 577,649 illiterate children between the ages of 10 to 14 must be Indians and Chinese."

Neither is that so. The negro contingent is but 328,992. There remain 240,580 white tots unaccounted for.

Out of all patience at being so pestered, Philanthropy turns up its nose, and with a wafture of the hand disposes of the question with: "That may be. But, if not born abroad and foreigners themselves, that 223,208 must be of foreign parentage."

And yet again mistaken. Of foreign parentage there are only 17,473. There is in the land the shameful figure of 205,735 illiterate native children between 10 and 14 years, BORN OF NATIVE WHITE PARENTS in a country where the increase of wealth has been phenomenal!

Why, let the stricken deer go weep, The hart ungalled play; For some must watch, while some must sleep; Thus runs the world away.

FRESH "DAILY PEOPLE LIES" BY THE BUSHEL. Regularly, as the seasons bring along their fruits, elections bring along their fresh crops of Social Democratic, alias "Socialist," party acts of political corruption.

Bishop Spalding says the State should be supreme in dealing with controversies between capital and labor. This means that as the capitalists control the State, through the Spaldings, capital should be supreme.

organization, known as the Municipal Voters' League. This organization has for its purpose to "rectify the slips" of the political conventions. If at any of the conventions the rising tide of popular discontent is felt and yielded to, to the extent of effecting a nomination displeasing to capitalist comfort, the League singles out the nominee for its anathema.

It goes without saying that no Socialist organization, however true, can prevent capitalist bodies or papers from attempting to smirch it by endorsing its candidates. But it equally goes without saying that no true Socialist organization will allow the act to remain unspurred, least of all seek to profit thereby.

And this is legitimate. The Bogus Socialist organization of Chicago—too corrupt even for the endorsement of the labor fakirs—was not insulted by capitalist praise. It knew it deserved the smirch. It knows itself a Simian.

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The even-handed, decoy-duck quality of the so-called Socialist party, its thorough paced corruption, is manifest.

Westward the star of empire takes its way; and in so doing it is taking a large number of farmers who are abandoning New England with it.

Pure and simple unionism is again exhibiting its lack of working class principles in the attempts of the Brotherhood to crush the Amalgamated carpenters by striking against them.

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ROOSEVELT TURNING POPULIST

President Roosevelt, now "swinging the circle" in the West, delivered himself of a speech in Armory Hall of the University of Minnesota on the 4th inst.

"In the next place it widens the market for our products, both the products of the farm and certain of our manufactures, and it is therefore in the interests of our farmers, manufacturers, merchants and wage workers."

The theory, as everyone posted on economics knows, was an absurdity; and none felt the absurdity more keenly than the workmen present at populist meetings. Indeed, these workmen, tho' utterly untutored in statistics, were themselves walking evidences and advertisements of the absurdity.

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1850 \$400,000,000 1890 5,200,000,000 1900 5,600,000,000

Wage earners do not invest capital; they have none to invest. If in 1890 the increase of capital invested over 1850 was \$2,200,000,000, and the increase of capital invested in 1900 over 1890 was \$6,700,000,000, quite a broad hint is given as to who got the bulk of the increases in wealth, and also as to how fared the per capita of the wage earner.

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Another labor law declared unconstitutional. The Supreme Court of Indiana, in passing on the weekly pay law of that State, says it violates the bill of rights and the fourteenth amendment of the federal constitution.

THE GIFTS OF CAPITALISTS

There is considerable discussion now going on in certain religious periodicals in regard to the acceptance of gifts of money from capitalists who have acquired wealth by what are considered

as questionable methods, by colleges, universities and churches. One side to this discussion holds that such gifts are immoral, as they are the products of capitalist wrong-doing and compel their recipients to become its apologists and upholders, to the detriment of society.

To the socialist onlooker this discussion involves not only the morality or immorality of such gifts, but the morality or immorality of capitalism itself.

Capitalism originally was industry carried on by means of labor-exploitation and competition. Capitalism was then planless. This accentuated its primary feature, based on the robbery of the working class, and both together culminated in "overproduction," crisis and bankruptcy.

To the Socialist, reasoning from the material basis of morality, the moralist who demands the retention of a system based on labor exploitation and competition, is less moral than the moralist who defends the acceptance of gifts from a system based on labor-exploitation only.

The sufferings which the working class are compelled to undergo in order to enrich the capitalist class, are just now receiving unpleasant illustrations in the case of Engineer Briarcliffe, now in St. Mary's Hospital, Newark.

The man is feared to be hopelessly insane. Such are the "rewards" of labor under capitalism. Capitalists will prate of their "risks," but refrain from mentioning such cases as these.

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Dun's Review shows commercial failures for March to have been 901 against 880 last year, with liabilities of \$10,458,000 against \$8,117,228 last year.



UNCLE SAM AND BROTHER JONATHAN.

BROTHER JONATHAN—I am a Socialist, but—

UNCLE SAM (mockingly)—How familiar that tune is.

B. J.—Familiar or unfamiliar, 'tis a true tune. I am a Socialist, but the Socialist Labor Party is no good. I'm going to stay with the Democratic party.

U. S.—I thought the tune was familiar; there isn't a fakir in the land but hums it; some with the variation that they are going to stay with the Republicans.

B. J.—That may be, but I'm no fakir for all that. I am a Socialist; fakirs say they are Socialists, but they are not; but I am.

U. S.—Have you anything more to say?

B. J.—Yes, I have this more to say: The Socialist Labor Party is no good—U. S.—You said that once before.

B. J.—And I was going to tell you why it is no good.

U. S.—Let us hear.

B. J.—It moves too slowly. U. S. opens his eyes.

B. J.—You won't deny that, would you?

U. S. looks at him.

B. J.—Now will you deny that?

U. S.—If you want to travel to a certain place, and there is only a stage-coach to take you, would you call stage-coach rapid travel?

B. J.—No; stage coach is slow travel.

U. S.—Would you say that the stage coach is too slow a way of traveling?

B. J.—If there is no other conveyance, I wouldn't say that?

U. S.—Slowness and fastness are, accordingly, relative terms, are they not?

The stage coach is fast travel if the alternative is to foot it, eh?

B. J.—Yes.

U. S.—It is slow travel only, if there is faster means of transportation available, eh?

B. J.—Yes; but what has that got to do with your S. L. P.?

U. S.—One more question, and I'll tell you. If you want to go to a certain place and the only transportation available thither is a stage coach, would you, for the sake of fast traveling, jump into a fast train that runs in the opposite direction?

B. J.—No, I wouldn't.

U. S.—And you wouldn't call the stage no good, eh?

B. J.—No; it is good enough for my ultimate purpose.

U. S.—And what would you think of the man who, wanting to go to that certain place, said: "The stage is no good; it is too slow; I'm going to take the train—"

B. J.—But there is no train in that case!

U. S.—Just so. If he wants a train he would have to travel in the opposite direction. What would you say of the man?

B. J. looks suspiciously at U. S.

U. S.—I'll tell you: You would say of him that he had had not made up his mind where he wanted to go—

B. J.—Exactly.

U. S.—Or that he was an elaborate blockhead gotten up regardless of expense. Would you not?

B. J.—Out with it, yes or no?

U. S.—Yes.

U. S.—That's your case. Take your choice. Either you are not a Socialist and don't know where you want to go, or you are a Socialist, but being an elaborate blockhead gotten up regardless of expense, for the sake of more rapid travel you are willing to be taken to where you don't want to go.

President Barry, of the National Manufacturers' Association, is out with a vigorous denunciation of "organized labor." In it he says that this "is not the time to talk arbitration or joint agreements. To arbitrate matters of wages and hours is to introduce artificial methods, and an equitable arrangement as to either cannot be effected artificially."

CORRESPONDENCE.

As to George A. Eastman's Statement. To The Daily and Weekly People.—I read with interest the statement of George A. Eastman in The Daily People of March 26, and, being a former member of the S. D. P., I can fully understand the trials and tribulations he underwent in the S. D. P. while trying to convince its membership, against their will, of the necessity of the Socialist movement being revolutionary, uncompromising and founded on facts, or scientific.

In 1890 I broke my first bread in the city of Lowell, by the way, in a corporation boarding house. The streets were clean, kept so by the corporation. Fruit and vegetables were low; rents were low; likewise, wages were low.

also to letters received by mail: On purchases from \$2.50 to \$5.00, 25c.; on purchases from \$5.00 to \$10.00, 50c.; on purchases from \$10.00 to \$15.00, \$1; on purchases from \$15.00 to \$25.00, \$1.50; on purchases from \$25.00 to \$50.00, \$2.50; on purchases from \$50.00 to \$75.00, \$3.50; on purchases from \$75.00 to \$100.00, \$4.50; on purchases from \$100.00 to \$150.00, \$7.50; on purchases from \$150.00 to \$200.00, \$15; on purchases from \$200.00 to \$300.00, \$20; on purchases from \$300.00 to \$400.00, \$30; on purchases from \$400.00 to \$500.00, \$50.

Socialist Labor Party Men Do Not Shake Hands with the Allies of Capitalism.—They Wage War Against Them. To The Daily and Weekly People.—The Kahgaroo issued a fly announcing that 250 shoemakers and 150 other wage earners were wanted to come to Socialist Hall, Cleverly Block, North Abington, Friday evening, April 3, 1903, at 8 o'clock.

knowing full well that only on Socialist lines can they hope for any response from the working class. The easiest way to knock out these frauds is to make the workers acquainted with the genuine article and I know of no better way to do this than by pushing The Weekly People. Who is there will say he cannot do something on this line, and who is there will not do it when our beloved party calls?

time and space as I do upon the social democratic movement of Sweden, and Europe generally. But my position is this: Our Swedish party organ is largely read by new-comers from the old country, and to a great extent by other Swedish people who are not fully able to read and understand English.

LETTER-BOX Off-Hand Answers to Correspondents. [No questions will be considered that come in anonymous letters. All letters must carry a bona fide signature and address.] R. B. PHILADELPHIA, PA.—Why man, the illiterate little white children in the country, born of native parents—203,733—is infinitely larger than that of all the cuts and dogs in the land, the tramp and the non-tramp.

OFFICIAL.

NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE - Henry Kuhn, Secretary, 2-6 New Read street, New York.

Regular meeting held April 10 at 2-6 New Read street. A. Klein in the chair.

Balance in treasury, March 8... \$0.10 Section Springfield... 2.00 Section Peoria... 4.00

Mass. Comrades, Attention! Energetic efforts are being made to have an organizer and canvasser for the party press on the road in Massachusetts.

S. L. P. Meetings in Chicago. April 18, Clark street and Walton place, 7.30 p. m.

Where are the Workingmen At? Daniel DeLeon will deliver a lecture in Pioneer Hall, Bridgeport, Conn.

Meeting, Section Lynn. The next regular business meeting of Section Lynn will be held in Socialist Labor headquarters, 25 Monroe street.

D. A. 4, S. T. and L. A. A special meeting of D. A. 4 will be held on Sunday, April 19, 1903, at 3 p. m.

L. A. No. 257, Lynn, Mass. A smoke talk and entertainment under the L. A. 297 will be held at headquarters.

S. T. & L. A. NEWS

The Socialist Trade and Labor Alliance of the United States and Canada, headquarters, Nos. 2, 4 and 6 New Read street.

Regular meeting of the General Executive Board, S. T. & L. A., held at headquarters, 2-6 New Read street, on April 9, Comrade Gilhaus in the chair.

The Swedish machinists of Newark had also been organized in the past week, and the prospects were good for a strong Alliance movement in New Jersey.

Communications: From L. A. 106, Louisville, Ky., reported on the success of their commune festival for the benefit of the party press.

From L. A. 342, Cleveland, Ohio, on the work of organization; received and fled. From L. A. 356, Braddock, Pa., relative to a book now in possession of the G. E. B.

From L. A. 345, San Francisco, Cal., with applications of new members, and on the work of organization.

From D. A. 17, Providence, on the organization of a new L. A. (textile workers) in Woonsocket.

From L. A. 396, Skowhegan, Me., on the work of organization; placed on file. From Section Monroe County, N. Y.

From L. A. 396, Skowhegan, Me., on the work of organization; placed on file. From Section Monroe County, N. Y., S. L. P., on the agitation carried on by them at Rochester against Tobin and his lieutenants.

From D. A. 4, with a report of meeting held Sunday, April 5, giving notice that their next meeting would be held on Sunday, April 19, at S. L. P. Headquarters, 78 Springfield avenue, Newark.

From L. A. 391, Lynn, Mass., giving notice of the expulsion of Henry Rowe for violation of his obligation in taking a job in Walton and Logan's factory.

A communication was received from George A. Brown and P. C. Tesson, of Pittsburgh, Pa., who were suspended in the months of May and June, 1902, respectively.

case and Schulberg in the latter, both of whom had become slanderers of and traitors to the S. L. P. and S. T. and L. A. and expelled from both organizations.

Resolved, That George A. Brown and P. C. Tesson be and are hereby reinstated in the S. T. and L. A. They are herewith allowed to immediately take up their membership in L. A. 356, of Braddock, Pa.

Charters granted to Egg Candler's Union and Swedish Machinist Union, both of Newark, N. J.; Woolen Dressers, of Woonsocket, R. I.; and Buffalo Mixed Alliance, of Buffalo, N. Y.

The regular meeting of District Alliance, No. 4 was held at S. L. P. headquarters, Dahmen's Hall, Elizabeth, on Sunday, April 5, 3 p. m.

Local No. 257 reports that good work is being carried on among the railroad workers, with prospects of organizing a local L. A. No. 259 is preparing for distribution of S. T. & L. A. literature among the striking copper workers.

Motion carried to request the State Committee S. L. P. New Jersey to call upon Sections to elect three delegates to represent the party in D. A. No. 4 as provided in the constitution.

A committee of three members was elected to collect property of D. A. No. 4 held by former officers and property of defunct Local No. 347.

Indiana Weekly Wage Law Knocked Out - Newspaper To Sue Union. Indianapolis, April 9.-Several months ago the State instituted suit against the Republic Iron & Steel Company.

The Supreme Court has passed upon the law holding it in conflict with the bill of rights and also with the 14th amendment to the Federal Constitution.

Montpelier, Vt., April 9.-The successful outcome of the suit of the F. R. Patch Manufacturing Company against the machinists' union of Rutland leads the Argus and Patriot Publishing Company of this city seriously to contemplate the bringing of a similar suit against the Central Labor Union of Montpelier.

The trouble followed the discharge of the compositors of the Daily Argus upon the installing of typesetting machines. The refusal of the company to arbitrate what the unions considered their grievance has resulted in a boycott of the most direct character.

Colonel Joel C. Baker, of Rutland, the attorney for the F. R. Patch Manufacturing Company in its suit, was in Montpelier this week and his visit is taken as strong evidence of something doing.

SECTION ROANOKE

Enters the Field to Do Battle for the Working Class-Ticket Nominated.

Roanoke, Ill., April 6.-Section Roanoke is again in the field to do battle for the working class at the coming village election to be held on April 21. We have nominated the following ticket:

President Village Board, Jules Pruvost; Trustee Village Board, John Charles; Trustee Village Board, John Vein; Trustee Village Board, Henry Desigue; Village Clerk, William Leonard.

Our masters are cunning. They array us against each other in the daily struggle for life. We fight; they win. We vote; they govern.

Workingmen, you are poor, you are dissatisfied, you know that your labor alone produces all the good things in life, and you know that some one else enjoys them.

Labor is a commodity which its owner, the wage-worker, sells to the capitalist class. Why does he sell it? In order to live. He works to live.

Labor is a commodity, same as cigars or potatoes. One is measured by the clock, the other by the scales. So long as the worker remains a wage slave his lot in life depends upon the capitalist class.

Now for a few statistics: The United States statistics of 1890 show that the workers received 62 1/2 per cent. of the wealth they produced.

In conclusion, we wish to state that all persons employed by the village to labor on streets shall receive not less than \$2 per day for an eight-hour working day.

Wages of Railroad Workers. Washington, April 9.-Interstate Commission statistics show that the wages of railroad employees were better during the depression of 1893 than during recent more prosperous years.

On the other hand the salaries of higher officials increased from \$7.82 a day to \$10.97.

REMEMBER "MOZLE" CIGARETTES

BALTIMORE S. L. P.

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of men has been reduced in the same manner. This is the way he has saved money. At whose expense? That of the working class.

Here are some of the remarks from the speaker: He went on to say that there was at least 1,000 Socialists in Baltimore. Then his next statement was that it was hard work for the Section to get a corporal's dozen to attend meetings.

Then this kangaroo had the nerve to take a slap at Marx and Engels. He went on to say that Marx and Engels prophesized that Socialism was not a long ways off.

In drawing to a close we should say that Socialism is not a long ways off. Who ever read one word in Marx or Engels works where they ever mentioned such a thing?

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that if there are any Sections in the Union such as we have been in the past, when they read this I hope they will resolve to step up on the firing line and continue so till we have liquidated the debt of 'The Daily People.'

Weekly Payment Law Void. Washington, April 3.-The Supreme Court to-day declared unconstitutional the weekly payment law, holding that the laborer would be deprived of the liberty of making a contract to suit himself, and that the law is in violation of the State and Federal constitutions.

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