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SOCIALIST VOTE IN THE UNITED STATES. In 1888 (Presidential) 2,068; In 1890 13,331; In 1892 (Presidential) 21,157; In 1894 33,133; In 1896 (Presidential) 36,564; In 1898 82,204.

Administration after administration and party after party have perished in their desperate attempts to fit the youthful colorful garments, made by our Fathers after a by-gone fashion, over the expanded limits and generous outline of a matured nation.

PROCEEDINGS. Proceedings have been set on foot by the Park Department of this city against the Manhattan or Gould Elevated railroads. It matters not to us what the motives may be; the only question is, Are the charges true?

It is barely two weeks ago that the Federal Senate solemnly placed at the feet of Helen Gould "the thanks of the Nation" for her "generosity" during the war.

There was recently a certain Congressional investigation held, a portion of whose report should be clipped by the Socialist agitator, and carried about with him. He will find frequent occasion to use it when, at meetings, some innocent, or otherwise, upholder of capitalism objects to Socialism on the ground of its destroying individuality, whereas Capitalism "fosters self-help" and "spurns paternalism."

Two, seemingly independent Nicaragua Canal Companies had suddenly sprung up and demanded Government aid, the one was called the Maritime Canal Company, the other the Construction Company. The one was a tender to the other. As one concern, the people at the bottom and back of both could not have as a good a chance in their buccaneer game; accordingly, they gave themselves two distinct names, and proceeded to do "business."

Mr. Hitchcock—The fourth article of my last report shows that since the reorganization, 10,148 shares have been subscribed for at par, amounting to \$1,014,800, of which \$253,713 has been paid into the treasury. Mr. Hitchcock—And that was the only cash furnished by the subscribers to this stock, the amount of money spent was the proceeds of the bonds?

Mr. Hitchcock—The bonds and stock paid to the construction company. Mr. Mann—And what did these bonds represent?

Mr. Mann—On what basis was that done? What was the stock valued at? What were the bonds valued at in their transfer to the construction company? Mr. Hitchcock—They were to receive \$150,000,000 of bonds and \$70,000,000 of stock for the completion of the work—practically \$220,000,000 of securities—and, we would say, in round numbers, it would cost \$300,000,000 to build the canal, and \$220,000,000 in stock and bonds might bring more than that.

THE "SELF-HELP" that is practised in capitalism is the self-help of the green goods and saw-dust sharper; the sacredness of its property means the sacredness of swindle; and its aversion to paternalism is only a pretence for the most vicious of paternalisms—step-fatherism.

A PARALLEL. Mayor Jones of Toledo, O., whom Croker and other Democratic monopolists are grooming for the Presidential nomination, and who realizes he is at the end of his tether in the Republican party, has published a statement to the people of his city asking a re-nomination and election as Mayor. He says: "The golden rule is my guide. I believe in the shorter work day as the most practicable step now possible looking to the solution of the problem of unemployment."

Both Jones and Hearst are labor skinners—Hearst through his paper, Jones through his factory. Jones believes in the "brotherhood of all men" and yet lives on nothing else but what he fleeces from his Brother Labor in his shoe factory; Hearst believes in "anti-trust" while he is a trust man himself bursting with trust stock and intent upon promoting trusts.

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POLITICAL and ECONOMIC. It is evident that on the Pacific Slope, as well as here on the Atlantic, Socialists can not too often re-assert their position. One of the points on which Socialism is least understood is that of the "trust."

After many years of experimenting, the Australian comrades have struck the right road. This welcome fact appears from a New Year Call issued by the Newcastle and Sidney, Australia, "People and Collectivist," from which the below are the closing passages: Our work during the coming year promises to be heavy, and every one in sympathy with our aims and aspirations, and willing to assist us on the lines we have laid down, will find work to do.

THE Tacoma, Wash., "Spirit of '76" recommends: Free text books and employment for all idle citizens would be a good municipal platform for not alone the Socialist Labor party of Tacoma, but all over the land as well.

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NEW LABOR DISPLACER. A mechanical process for feeding and threading the shuttle of a cotton loom has been invented in Atlanta, Ga. It is an invention that will take the place of all other self-feeding and threading shuttles that have recently been put on the market in the North.

What this means to the cotton industry of the country cannot be estimated until the new shuttle is put generally in active operation, but it is certain to affect the production of the white staple from the time it leaves the field in the bag of the cotton picker until it comes out of the dyeing house after having been made into cloth.

THE novel and economic invention is now on exhibition at the Exposition Cotton Mills, and it is understood that already one large mill has ordered, or is preparing to order in the next few days 1,500 self-feeding shuttles of the kind to be put on the market.

Next as to the working class. What songs of joy would not rend the air if a shuttle is invented whereby one-fourth the labor, now required, could be dispensed with; where, accordingly, the workers' time of toil could be lessened by that much! Yet do such cries of joy are heard or will be heard. On the contrary, the worker's time will not be reduced; the increased productivity of his work will not fall to him.

Such is the way of things under a social system in which the tool of production is the property of private hands; such is the state of things that the Socialist Labor party has set its face to destroy. And it will.

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Uncle Sam & Brother Jonathan.

Uncle Sam—You seem to be in a great hurry; where are you going? Brother Jonathan—I am going to my union. I am a little behind. I want to square up and withdraw. U. S.—Withdraw? B. J.—Yes. What's the use in being in a union? Every sensible man should get out and save his money.

U. S.—You are gone daft? B. J.—No. I'm grown wise. I have noticed that the strike and the boycott are played out. They were good enough when the bosses were cockroach bosses. But just as soon as the bosses combine into larger concerns we might as well try to spit at the moon as to beat them with the boycott or the strike.

U. S.—Suppose they are; let's leave that part of the question aside for the present. Do you imagine that the organization of labor by trades has no other good purpose? B. J.—None that I can see. U. S.—You have heard of a man called Bismarck, haven't you? B. J.—Yes. U. S.—Pretty powerful man he was at one time, eh? B. J.—Yes. U. S.—Well, powerful though he was, and willing and anxious to boot, to squelch the Socialist movement in Germany and hang every Socialist delegate, did he do that? B. J.—What, hang them? U. S.—Yes. B. J.—No, he didn't. U. S.—Why, being so powerful? B. J.—Guess he didn't dare. U. S.—That's just it. Even the most powerful and the most willing to do a wrong fell to-day curbed by public opinion.

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On all such occasions we will fight with more vigor and persistence than the old-style organizations ever could, because our ranks are held together by the true spirit of solidarity which grows out of the consciousness of the common interest of all wage workers in the overthrow of capitalist class rule.

Whether these unavoidable contests are carried to victorious results, depends largely upon economic conditions which we cannot control; we need not promise. Defeats will not disconcert us, because these contests will be considered by us merely as skirmishes preceding the great battle of emancipation.

U. S.—Which other? B. J.—As the union cannot win any more with its old and only weapons, it falls into the hands of fakirs who trade upon it, and sell it out, and use it as a footstool to step on and advertise themselves to the politicians.

U. S.—Have you any other reasons? B. J.—No. Are they not enough? U. S.—Decidedly not. B. J.—What sense is there in paying dues to keep a fakir in a job? U. S.—In the first place, as far as the fakir question is concerned, the usefulness or uselessness of unionism cannot be settled by it. The fakir is not a fixture. He can be snuffed out.

U. S.—By all means. You were judging the union by its impotence when in the hands of fakirs. There all effort is pure waste. In the properly conducted union, the union that moves hand in hand with the S. L. P., even the weapons of the strike and boycott do serve some good purpose; and such a union is a valuable weapon of offence and defence to the workers.

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U. S.—Yes and no. Upon this subject let me read a passage from the proclamation issued by the New Trade Unionist national organization of the country—the Socialist Trade & Labor Alliance. (Producing the paper and reading.) It is this:

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OTTO SULLIVAN, Revere, Mass., Feb. 19. LETTER BOX.

Off-hand answers to Correspondents. [No questions will be considered that come in anonymous letters.]

D. W. PHILADELPHIA, PA.—Quote the definitions of "value," "utility" and "wealth" given by Prof. Ely. J. W. PHILADELPHIA, PA.—Fabiianism can not cast roots in this country...

E. T. NEW YORK.—Production for sale destined under feudalism only during the latter stage. Under feudalism its infancy and vigor, the lord of the land owned the workers...

NOTICE.—For technical reasons, no party announcements can go in that are not in this office by Tuesdays, 10 p. m.

National Board of Appeals, S. L. P. CLEVELAND, Ohio, Feb. 19.—Section Greater New York will please take notice that Comrade Arthur Kohn has appealed from the decision expelling him from membership...

Semi-Annual Report of the Treasurer of National Executive Committee, S. L. P., from July 2, 1898, to January 2, 1899. RECEIPTS:

Balance on hand July 2, 1898... \$102.53 Due Stamps... 1,767.05 General Agitation Fund... 397.03 Supplies... 78.01 Socialist Almanac... 100.00 Charities... 76.50 Collection... 11.80 Funds from defunct Sections... 3.83

me in admiration for the confidence shown. I am with fraternal greetings. JOHN LAFFEY. ALBANY.—On Jan. 24, Section Albany, S. L. P., was by death robbed of one of its most useful members...

New Jersey. NEWARK.—Hanford debates with the Single Taxer at our headquarters, 98 Springfield avenue, on Saturday, the 25th instant.

CLEVELAND.—To all Sections and members S. L. P.—Comrades: The State Committee proposes to hold a convention for the place of the next State Convention, to be held at Dayton, Columbus and Zanesville...

How to Organize Sections. All persons dissatisfied with present political and economic conditions, and who believe that the land, water works, gas works, telephone, and telegraph lines...

1. Any ten persons may organize themselves into a Section provided they accept the platform and constitution of the S. L. P. and sever their connection, absolutely, with all other political parties.

2. OFFICERS TO ELECT. 1.—Organizer. 2.—Recording and Corresponding Secretary. 3.—Financial Secretary. 4.—Treasurer. 5.—Literary Agent. 6.—Chairman, each meeting.

Delaware. WILMINGTON.—On Sunday, the 12th instant, Comrade Samuel Clark of Philadelphia, spoke at the Socialist Club in the hall of Union No. 154, I. A. of M. A fair audience was present notwithstanding a great snow storm...

SOCIALIST LABOR PARTY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA PLATFORM.

The Socialist Labor party of the United States, in Convention assembled, re-asserts the inalienable right of all men to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

Against such a system the Socialist Labor party once more enters its protest. Once more it reiterates its fundamental declaration that private property in the natural sources of production and in the instruments of labor is the obvious cause of all economic servitude and political dependence.

RESOLUTIONS. With a view to immediate improvement in the condition of labor we present the following demands: 1. Reduction in the hours of labor in proportion to the progress of production.

2. The United States to obtain possession of the mines, railroads, canals, telegraphs, telephones and all other means of public transportation and communication; the employees to operate the same co-operatively under control of the Federal Government...

3. The municipalities to obtain possession of the local railroads, ferries, water works, gas works, electric plants and all industries requiring municipal franchises; the employees to operate the same co-operatively under control of the municipal administration...

4. The public lands to be declared inalienable. Revocation of all land grants to corporations or individuals, the conditions of which have not been complied with.

5. The United States to have the exclusive right to issue money. 6. Congressional legislation providing for the scientific management of forests and waterways, and prohibiting the waste of its natural resources.

7. Inventions to be free to all; the inventors to be remunerated by the nation. 8. Progressive income tax and tax on inheritances; the smaller incomes to be exempt.

Comrades, make use of this offer: THE PEOPLE, one year (\$50 Cents) and THE SOCIALIST ALMANAC (50 Cents) both together for \$5 cts. cash. No commission to agents on this offer. WHO WILL NOT WANT TO GRASP THIS OPPORTUNITY?

Trades' and Societies' Calendar. Standing advertisements of Trades Unions and other Societies, not exceeding three lines, will be inserted under this heading...

GENERAL OFFICE, SOCIALIST TRADE AND LABOR ALLIANCE, 23 Duane Street, New York City. General Secretary: William L. Browne.

CIGARMAKERS' PROGRESSIVE INTERNATIONAL UNION, No. 89, Office and Employment Bureau, 64 East 4th Street. District I (Brooklyn), 331 East 1st Street, every Saturday at 8 p. m.

MUSICAL PROTECTIVE ALLIANCE, NO. 1028, D. A. 49, S. T. & L. A., Headquarters 79 East 4th Street. Meetings every Friday at 12 o'clock noon.

THE SOCIALIST EDUCATIONAL SOCIETY OF YORKVILLE meets every Monday evening at 206 E. 80th St. The Society meets every Wednesday evening at 206 E. 80th St. through a thorough knowledge of Socialism by means of discussions and debates.

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Workmen's Children Death Benefit Fund of the United States of America. The address of the Financial Secretary of the Executive Committee is: REINHARD LACHNER, 13 Bible House, Room 42, Astor Place, N. Y. City, N. Y.

WORKMEN'S Furniture Fire Insurance. Organized 1872. Membership 10,000. Principal Organization, New York and Vicinity.

BROOKLYN LABOR LYCEUM, 948-955 Willoughby Av. (Formerly 61-63 Myrtle Street). Meetings Room, Large Hall for Mass Meetings. Books open for Balls and Picnics. Workmen Patronize Your Own Men.

2nd Grand Concert & Ball, arranged by F. Umhey's Zither School. on Sunday, Febr. 26th, at 5 P. M. in BOHEMIAN NATIONAL HALL, 321-325 E. 73rd St., NEW YORK CITY.

THE TOCSIN. The Northwestern Advocate of the Socialist Labor Party. The Tocsin is issued every Thursday, under the direction of the S. L. P. of Minnesota. It will contain: All the News of the Labor Movement from All the World.

Jacob Herrlich & Bro., Undertakers & Embalmers, 506 6th St., near Avenue A. Telephone Call: 1175 Spring. BRANCH: 327 E. 80th St.

DR. C. L. FURMAN, DENTIST, 131 Seehornstr. Bklyn, N. Y.