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REVAMPED DOLGEVILLE.

A Diluted Form of Profit-Sharing in New Britain.

NEW BRITAIN, Conn., Nov. 8.—The other day there was put into the receiver's hands the firm of Dolge Bros., in the State of New York. With them went down one of those huge swindles on the workingman called "profit-sharing." The Dolges thrived on the swindle. The workingman remained in the condition of the donkey, that walk as he may, never got an inch nearer to the wisp of hay held before him. When the Dolges got well and ready, they failed. I don't know that there has remained a single memento of that profit-sharing swindle except the tombstones of the several workingmen, who, finding out the cheat, committed suicide.

Now the Russell & Erwin Manufacturing Co., of this town, the largest hardware concern in the country, has started on a very similar plan. The following circular was found by their employees in their pay envelopes on Saturday, the 21st of last month:

"To the employees of the Russell & Erwin Manufacturing Co.:—
The present management of this company has confidence in its employees and believes that it may receive from them business suggestions of real value, since every member of a department, if he is deserving and wide awake, may be able to invent means which will better the work of the department in which he is employed.

"During the past eighteen months the company has sought to encourage this co-operation of its employees, and, with this in view, a large number of conferences have been held between the executive officers and the superintendents, foremen and employees generally; in addition to which the company's men in New York, Philadelphia, Dayton and elsewhere have been invited to propose whatever they thought to be of help to the company's business.

"It is not possible, however, for the executive officers or the superintendents to meet and talk individually with any large portion of the men; but in order to enlarge the scope of this co-operation of the company and its men, we

have decided to place boxes at convenient points throughout the works, into which employees are requested to drop such suggestions as they may have to make, properly written and signed. The man of ideas is the man of value. If your ideas are worth something, they shall have recognition. We intend that every man in the company's employ shall have a full chance to prove his value, and we trust that our employees will at once make use of this opportunity. L. H. Wales, Treasurer."

Here we have the profit-sharing three-card monte game over again. It appears in disguise, 'tis true; but there it is all the same.
"The man of ideas is the man of value"; you will note that the circular does not go on to say of value to whom; it tickles the employee just enough to hint at his being of value to himself,—just as the profit-sharing lured the employee with the notion that, as he shares in the profits with the employer, the more he works, the more he gets; a terrible blunder, as the Dolge ex-employees can testify.

"Every man in the company's employ shall have a full chance to prove his value"—again to whom? "Profit-sharing" delusive suggestions over again. Prove your value, and you will be squeezed clean out of all that your value amounts to.
Verily, we are a free people. So free that the only chance we have to "prove our values" is left wholly to the tender mercies of our fleecers, of the employers or capitalists who buy us in the labor market like so many heads of cattle, and who, thinking it is just possible to get still more out of us, want us to furnish them with ideas which "he will properly appreciate."

I'd rather be a dog and bark at the moon than such a "free man" contented and ready to show his "value."
But such contented "free men" are becoming rarer here in New Britain. The Socialist Labor Party already has gathered 1,000 men in its fold in this county alone. Presently there will be a majority of the workers here who will demand the ownership of these factories as their just dues, and who will thenceforth profit-share with themselves and show their "ideas" of "value" to a purpose.

The Storm-Center—Unshakable and Triumphant.

FULLER ELECTION RETURNS.

KANSAS.
PITTSBURG, Kan., Nov. 12.—Official count gives us 158 for County Clerk, the head of the ticket, an increase of 40 over '98. Lowest vote for Surveyor, 132, gain of 14 votes.
E. A. CAIN.

KENTUCKY.
LOUISVILLE, Nov. 11.—We cannot yet ascertain the S. L. P. vote for Governor. Our local vote for aldermen is reported as follows:
Giffey 443
Doyle 358
Lange 350
Dietz 351
Kleinhenz 350
Werner 230

MARYLAND.
BALTIMORE, Md., Nov. 9.—Incomplete newspaper reports give 262 as the S. L. P. vote cast in this city for Rugemer, candidate for Governor.

MASSACHUSETTS.
AMESBURY, Nov. 11.—The local press reports the following votes cast for Peare, the S. L. P. candidate for Governor, in this and other places of Essex County:
Amesbury 85
Georgetown 24
Groveland 41
Merrimac 14
West Newbury 6
South Groveland 9
Salisbury 6

WINCHESTER, Nov. 12.—The S. L. P. vote for Governor increased from 20 last year to 37 this year.
BOSTON, Mass.—The votes thus far reported foot up to a total of 9,231. This total is made up of the following county votes (all incomplete):
Berkshire County—
1 town out of 32 103
Bristol County—
6 towns out of 20 1,185

Essex County—
14 towns out of 35 4,737
Franklin County—
1 town out of 26 116
Hampden County—
8 towns out of 23 1,203
Hampshire County—
1 town out of 23 16
Middlesex County—
14 towns out of 54 1,329
Norfolk County—
1 town out of 27 128
Plymouth County—
3 towns out of 27 541
Suffolk County 1,847
Worcester County—
5 towns out of 59 1,076
Total 9,231

Incomplete as these reports are, they show gains over last year's complete totals in the following five counties:
1899. 1898.
Franklin County 116 67
Hampden County 1,203 1,153
Middlesex County 1,329 1,008
Plymouth County 541 378
Suffolk County 1,847 1,453

NEW YORK.
(Incomplete figures.)
Greater New York 14,400
Onondaga County—
Syracuse 1,850
Erie County—
Buffalo 1,230
Westchester County 641
Oneida County 324
Cayuga County 283
Fulton County—
Johnstown 141
Gloversville 117
Greene County 200
Rensselaer County 199
Chemung County 126
Tompkins County 41
Albany County—
Watervliet 65
Lansingburgh 44
Otsego County 65
Niagara County 71

Chenango County 85
Herkimer County 74
Cattaraugus County 59

20 out of 61 Counties 20,015

PENNSYLVANIA.
ALTOONA, Nov. 9.—Unofficial reports give the following S. L. P. vote for Blair County:
State ticket: Clark, 73; Munro, 78; Remmel, 74.
Local ticket: Isenburg, 70; Ayers, 82; Larson, 79; McDermott, 79; Patterson, 79.

POTTSVILLE, Nov. 11.—The vote for Schuylkill County is as follows:
Clark 156
Munro 158
Remmel 166

READING, Nov. 10.—The local press reports the following as the S. L. P. vote for this town:
Clark 701
Munro 102
Remmel 104

UTAH.
SALT LAKE CITY, Nov. 9.—The Socialist Labor Party polled 244 votes for Hamlin, its candidate for Mayor. The Populist Party has hardly as many votes as the S. L. P.
A mammoth jollification banquet is being arranged in the near future in this city, in celebration of the Party's victorious tussel with the Kangaroos, backed by the whole capitalist press of the State.
Conditions for admission will be:
1. Each banqueter to pay for his own expenses, i. e., 50 cents a plate; and
2. Each banqueter to contribute to the hilarity of the occasion by narrating at least one personal experience made during the four months conflict. These are all to be taken down and preserved.
It is hoped that Comrades in the vicinity of Greater New York, and primed with some such "personal experience," gathered from Kangaroo contact, will join.
All those willing to participate are requested to so notify L. Abelson, Organizer Section New York, S. L. P., 22 Duane street, without delay.

ENGELS QUOTED.

Cheers for the American Socialist Labor Party.

HARTFORD, Conn., Nov. 12.—Confidence in the Socialists of New York alone kept my pen dry, and happy am I now that my confidence was placed where it belonged. This isn't flattery; I flatter no one; he who should attempt to flatter me has a big job on hand. My spare time is too short, and must be devoted to worthier things. Besides, the enemies of the S. L. P. shall hear from me in due time.

For the present I wish to express my happiness in my own way,—of course in my own way,—not as a literal pirate, seeing I quote Frederick Engels, with whom I compare mentally as near as a hut compares with a modern edifice. He the great teacher, I the humble pupil.

In his book, "The Condition of the Working Class of England, 1844," translated by Florence Kelly, there is a preface by Engel himself, dated January, 1887. On page V, I read:

"The third section consists of the Socialist Labor Party. This section is a party but in name, for nowhere in America has it up to now been able actually to take its stand as a political party. It is, moreover, to a certain extent, foreign to America, having until lately been made up almost exclusively by German immigrants, using their own language, and for the most part little conversant with the common language of the country. But if it came from 'foreign stock,' it came at the same time armed with the experience earned during long years of class-struggle in Europe, and with an insight into the general condition of working-class emancipation, far superior to that hitherto gained by American workingmen. This is a fortunate circumstance for the American proletarians, who thus are enabled to appropriate and to take advantage of the intellectual and moral fruits of the forty years' struggle of their European class-mates, and thus to hasten on the time of their own victory. For, as I said before, there cannot be any doubt that the ultimate platform of the American working class

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