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THE SOCIALIST VOTE. The Socialist Party has passed through its third general election. Its growing power is indicated by the increase of its vote: 1900 (Presidential) \$6,961 1902 (State and Congressional) \$29,762 1904 (Presidential) \$408,280



New York State Ticket

- For Governor—John C. Chase, of New York. For Lieutenant-Governor—Gustav A. Strebel, of Syracuse. For Secretary of State—William W. Arland, of Corning. For State Treasurer—William W. Passage, of Brooklyn. For Attorney-General—Henry L. Slobodin, of New York. For State Comptroller—John O'Rourke, of Rochester. For State Engineer and Surveyor—Russell R. Hunt, of Schenectady.

The comrades' attention is called to the fact that next week's issue of The Worker will be especially adapted for circulation at Labor Day meetings or in the shops just before and after that holiday. Controversial matter will be excluded so far as possible and routine notices kept down to the minimum, making room for more propaganda matter appropriate for the day.

PRESIDENT GOMPERS' OPEN-SHOP POLITICS.

At its very beginning, the "Independent political action" policy inaugurated by President Gompers and his fellow officials of the American Federation of Labor, refuses to square with their pretensions that this is a movement to further the political interests of organized labor.

The state and congressional elections occur in Vermont on Sept. 4 and in Maine on Sept. 10. The candidate of the Socialist Party for governor of Vermont is Timothy Sullivan, a long-time faithful member of the granite cutters' union. The Republican and Fusion candidates have anti-union records and are members of the employing class.

When this became public the Belkows Falls Central Labor Union and other unions adopted resolutions endorsing the Socialist Party candidate and sent these resolutions to the state official organ, the "Union Signal," for publication.

"Signal" is not owned by the unions but is endorsed by them. It has been supporting the Fusion candidate for governor. This undoubtedly explains why the resolutions were not published. When the Vermont Federation of Labor convention met last week Secretary Ironside reported the result of the submission of questions to candidates, denouncing the old party candidates for their refusal to declare themselves and endorsing the Socialist candidate, Sullivan, for his straightforward declaration for the labor measures. At the same time the Belkows Falls Central Labor Union filed a protest against the refusal to publish their Socialist resolutions in the "Union Signal."

In the case of Maine, Mr. Gompers is stumping in support of the Democratic candidate for congress, McGillicuddy, as an excuse to defeat Littlefield for re-election, notwithstanding that there is nothing in McGillicuddy's record to show that he is any better "friend of labor" than Littlefield.

The glaring inconsistency of the actions of the American Federation of Labor in both these instances consists in this: The political manifesto issued by President Gompers and his allies specifically declared that candidates declaring themselves in favor of the Federation's measures be given the preference, when the unions did not see fit to nominate candidates of their own.

These examples give us an idea of the kind of "labor politics" President Gompers and his colleagues intend to play. They are intent upon imposing upon organized labor THEIR choice of candidates, regardless of whether these candidates are fit to speak for organized labor or not. They will suppress, so far as possible, any information concerning other candidates whose qualifications to represent the working class cannot be questioned, they will censor the labor press and deny admission to communications coming from bona fide unions endorsing bona fide working class candidates, and rather than give support to union men who are Socialists they will support and stump for non-union men who are not Socialists.

It is well for the workers to know these facts. They can only get to know them thru the Socialist press and it is the duty of Socialists to place the Socialist press within the reach of all union men. Mr. Gompers must be taught that Socialist politics and Socialist principles cannot be censored out of the labor movement and the union men must be taught that Gompers' politics are contrary to the principles for which Mr. Gompers and his fellow officials are supposed to stand.

"UNCLE JOE" IS A MOTHER EDDY.

John D. Rockefeller wants the people to hold fast to the simple life. Meanwhile he holds fast to the almighty dollar. As election time approaches the working class are being treated to the usual "friendship" talk by the politicians. The "nobility of labor" is a favorite subject with men whose greatest passion in life has been to shirk honest labor, who much prefer the nobility of graft, and only use such phrases as "honesty-handed sons of toil" and "free sovereign American workman" as a means to evade honest hands and themselves avoid becoming workmen.

Mr. Joseph G. Cannon, Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, sings most of the old songs once more, and again points with pride to our "prosperous country."

longer hunting jobs, but "hunted by the jobs" at good wages.

This will be welcome news to many thousands, but it will be strictly news, and like other news of the day, needs verification.

Rarely a day passes that the papers do not print the record of some poor fellow who killed himself because he was out of work and could not succeed in getting employment.

According to Cannon these men are prosperous—but they don't know it. The men in the bread line, the men on strike for a living wage, the women working for less than a living wage, the children of the factories—all these are prosperous. If they do not know such to be the fact, they should call on Cannon for information.

You men in the bread line—you are not the victims of hunger, you are the victims of prosperity. If you do not believe that, ask Mother Eddy Cannon. He knows. And if he could learn to tell the truth, he might be able to show that you are the victims of the prosperity of OTHER PEOPLE.

No wonder Rockefeller is religious. He has heard that the streets of heaven are paved with gold.

With Jerome, Hearst and Hughes as prospective candidates for governor of New York, there will be no lack of demagogues for the voters to choose from. The fact that the politicians have to resort to candidates of this kind is in itself testimony to the growth of discontent and dissatisfaction among the people.

The revolutionists in Cuba are called rebels by the American press. Under Spanish rule the same press called them patriots. At that time American capitalists wanted to get into Cuba. Now they are in there. In the same way the revolutionists of 1776 in this country are now honored as patriots, while the Socialists who are fighting for the Social Revolution to-day are denounced as malcontents.

District Attorney Jerome has done at least one thing while in office for which credit must be given him. He has declared himself ready to run for another office.

NOTE, COMMENT, AND ANSWER.

We would ask every one of our readers to give his attention this week to the financial report of The Worker, published in another column, and also to the extraordinary book-premium offer which accompanies it.

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MAINLY PERSONAL

Comrade Sen. Kitayama has returned to the United States from Japan and will settle in Texas.

One of Upton Sinclair's earlier novels, "King Midas," is being published in a New York evening paper.

Harry T. Smith of Mexico, Irving Goldthwaite of Maine and Charles Levin of Pennsylvania were visitors at The Worker office recently.

Ida Crouch Hazlett has returned to the editorial chair of the "Montana News" after an agitation trip thru Montana, Idaho, and Washington.

Courtenay Lemon, former associate editor of The Worker, is on a walking tour of New York state and when last heard from was on his way to the hop picking fields in Otsego County.

Macmillan & Co. announce among their new fall books, one by Jack London called "White Fang," which, like "The Call of the Wild," is the story of a dog. The novel has already run serially in "Outing Magazine."

O. A. Johnson, an active charter member of Local Springsfield, Ill., died Aug. 12, aged 38 years. He was born in Norway, but came here twenty-one years ago.

Ramsay MacDonald, M. P., whip of the Labor Party in the House of Commons, has started on a tour which will take him practically around the world. He has informed his constituency (Leicester) that he cannot attend the autumn session of Parliament as the trip is taken by advice of his physician.

Maxim Gorky is in the Adirondack Mountains, New York, devoting himself entirely to literary work. He has had a number of articles accepted by leading magazines for early publication, the proceeds of which, amounting to several thousand dollars, have gone entirely to the Russian revolutionary movement.

George Bernard Shaw has aroused the wrath of the German Socialists by writing a letter to the "Berliner Tageblatt," an ultra bourgeois paper, in which he ridicules the Socialists in the Reichstag, among their failings being, according to Shaw, a strong attachment to Marx's theories.

Abraham Baskin, a very active Socialist party member in New Jersey, died recently at Paterson, aged 39 years. Comrade Baskin was born in Russia and began work in the revolutionary movement there at 16 years of age, continuing until he came to the United States in 1897.

"JUSTICE"

She hears no garland in her hands, No gems bedeck her hair; Alone amidst the throng she stands, And whispers low her stern commands.

NOW.

The Dreamer dreams in his easy chair Of deeds he may live to do; When he has an hour or two to spare Ah, then he will see them thru.

IN A FEW WORDS

The strongest argument for collective ownership is private ownership.

In the case of Mr. Bryan, absence makes the boom look larger.

Mr. Hearst's principal qualifications for governor seem to be his lack of them.

It's a poor salary that doesn't make the owner of a paper a hero to its editor.

That new child labor law in Georgia thoughtfully leaves off where childhood begins.

Mr. Bryan does not believe in peace to the extent that he would abolish the war of competition.

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IN THE BUSINESS DEPARTMENT.

The Worker's Quarterly Report Shows a Deficit Less Than That of the Preceding Quarter, But Still Far Too High—An Appeal and an Offer.

Three months ago we laid before the readers of The Worker an analyzed statement of its average weekly expenses and income for the first quarter of the year 1906. That report was not an inspiring one: it showed an average weekly deficit of \$37.64, considerably more than it had been for several quarters before.

To some extent these obstacles have now been reduced, and we are glad to be able to make a better report, in the accompanying table, for the second quarter of the year. It is not what we could wish for. It is not what it ought to be.

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that we may be able to say that the English-speaking comrades have done their part, along with the Germans, in tiding their joint enterprise over this difficult period.

During the ten weeks that still remain between now and Election Day WE ASK YOU TO DO TWICE AS MUCH AS YOU USUALLY DO FOR THE WORKER, to send in twice as many subscriptions each week as you have heretofore.

Will you do it, comrades? Will you BEGIN NOW? Will you enable us to enter at least 500 or 600 renewals and new subscriptions on our books THIS NEXT WEEK, instead of 200 or 300, as at present?

SPECIAL PREMIUMS.

Twenty-eight of the Best Socialist Books to Be Got Free by Hustling in Subscriptions for The Worker—Locals and Clubs, Get Committees at Work to Build Up Your Libraries.

As an acknowledgment rather than a reward for the efforts of our volunteer sub-getters (many of whom do not care to take the 20 per cent cash discount which we offer to regular agents), The Worker makes the following offer, open from now till Election Day:

1. For \$2 in cash we will send four yearly paid-subscription cards and any one of the following books: Spargo's "The Socialists," Untermann's "Science and Revolution" or "The World's Revolutions," Kautsky's "The Social Revolution," Simons' "The American Farmer," Andreiff's "The Red Laugh" (paper), or Moser's "Songs of Socialism" (paper).

2. For \$3 in cash we will send you six yearly paid-subscription cards and any one of the following books: Gorky's "Creatures That Once Were Men,"

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2. For \$5 in cash we will send ten yearly paid-subscription cards and any one of the following books: Sinclair's "The Jungle," Ghent's "Mass and Class," Spargo's "Socialism," Marx' "Revolution and Counter-Revolution," Hyndman's "Economics of Socialism," Dawson's "German Socialism and Ferdinand Lassalle," Massart's "Parasitism, Organic and Social," Ferri's "Socialism and Modern Science," or Vall's "Principles of Scientific Socialism."

4. For \$6 in cash we will send twelve yearly paid-subscription cards and any one of the following books: Jaurès' "Studies in Socialism," Hillquit's "History of Socialism in the United States," Kirkup's "History of Socialism," Loria's "Economic Foundations of Society," Hunter's "Poverty," Hobson's "Evolution of Modern Capitalism," or Marx' "Contribution to the Critique of Political Economy."

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