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The Socialist Vote: UNITED STATES. 1890, 13,704; 1891, 16,592; 1892, 21,812; 1893, 25,602; 1894, 30,080; 1895, 34,999; 1896, 38,976; 1897, 45,500; 1898, 52,504.

OUTLOOK FOR SOCIALISM.

With the completion of the current year, by general consent the new century commences, and it will doubtless afford room for much speculation as to the nature of the changes which are universally expected to mark its progress.

longer deferred. We can watch with calmness our capitalist masters strangling each other in obedience to the laws of the present system of production.

WASTED EFFORTS. The convention of the Prohibition party which took place some time ago, emphasizes once more the absolute futility of attempting to abolish certain evils which are merely results of the current economic system.

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HARVEST ALMOST RIPE.

Today is the most critical moment the labor movement of America has ever known. The economic organization of society, upon which all else depends, has been transformed, and developed to a stage hitherto unknown in the history of the world.

from the economic field it is useless as longer praise of "issues" designed to preserve or conserve their interests. The wage slave and his master are beginning to face one another upon the political arena.

So it comes about that today there is no realm of human life into which the philosophy of socialism has not penetrated, until it is hard to find an audience in which there is not some one individual who will demand that the true interpretation of economic facts shall not be ignored in obedience to class interests.

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Such a union today would be simply the outward expression of an existing relation. Did I think for one moment that such a union meant either a revival of the bigotry, tyranny and gag rule that once reigned in the S. L. P., or of the spirit of compromise and indefiniteness that marked the beginnings of the S. D. P., I would be first to oppose it and the last to agree to it.

But the man who today takes either of these positions, in so doing shows that he has no comprehension of the socialist philosophy. DeLeonism was driven from the S. L. P. not because of the exertions of any man or set of men in New York, Chicago or San Francisco, although these determined the time, manner, and occasion of its occurrence, but because the progress of economic development reflected in the political relations had reached a point where the existence of such an element was unendurable.

SNAP SHOTS BY THE WAYSIDE.

In this season of prosperity, the incidents going on in the Chicago Building trades are of immense educational value. The contractors have formed a combination to combat the "tyranny" of the unions in their "unreasonable" demands on the matters of wages, conditions and character of work.

to which he is clinging as the barnacle upon the ship's side of the mechanism of the mighty engines that are throbbing in the heart of the vessel.

The lack of socialism is to remove the friction and further the progress of that movement and upon that action depends in no small degree the rapidity and character of the movement. Today is a time when such services are most urgently needed. It is a time when the driving forces are tremendous, the removable obstacles to advance many.

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THE LOCAL SALVATION ARMY.

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The piano-makers strike seems to be on its last legs. The advice of the socialists that the men should study social and economic subjects during the strike seems to have been entirely disregarded.

The preliminary in the coming circus known as the presidential election are about to commence and the star performers are getting ready for the rehearsal, as will be seen by the following newspaper extract which we print in full:

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true equality and a true fraternity among human beings, debarring, for ever, from the work itself, in the depth of everyday life, the capitalistic military or eternal exploitation. They also desire to ennoble and purify love, to transform and idealize the family debarring the union of a man and a woman on commercial basis, which dishonors the latter and makes of her a property monopoly.

Thus Fourniere notes with a remarkable precision all the successive movements of the evolution of property, and points out that this evolution necessarily ends in collectivism. A new mode of production must bring about a new form of property which cannot possibly be anything else but social property.

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