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In almost every voting precinct of this government there are from one to scores of Socialists. Practically this has all been done in the past two years. The theory now permeates the entire nation - in every town and city and village, as well as the woods and mines, and on the farms the thought that it is better to co-operate in the production and distribution of material things has lodged in the minds of men.

Petitions are being circulated to have the state of Kansas, which owns 640 acres of land at Hutchinson, underlaid with a 300 foot vein of salt, open up the same and use the convict labor to produce salt. This, the petition alleges, is necessary to protect the people against the extortion of the salt trust which raised the price of salt 100% last month.

ocrats combined in Haverhill and put a workingman on the ticket. The entire strength of the state republican committee, of the railroads (who have been in a number of rows with the Socialist mayor) and the manufacturers of the city were arrayed against the Socialists.

The ten-acre tracts which the Appeal gives to the senders of the largest club of yearlies each week is in Howell county, Mo. There are 320 acres in the tract. It is four miles from the Kansas City, Ft. Scott and Memphis railway.

Petitions are being circulated on the Pacific coast asking Mrs. Stanford to reconsider her demands for the resignation of Prof. Ross, of Stanford University. No one should sign such petition.

The clothing manufacturers are organizing to make effectual a blacklist against such employes as any one of them shall become displeased with for any reason.

At Fairhaven, Wash., Comrade Cloak was beaten for mayor by only thirty-five votes and that by a "Citizens" ticket composed of both the old parties.

From now until the first of January let every member of the Appeal army put forth every effort to share up the subscription list. Let no one escape. Get out at least if you can get no more. Don't let the year close without one further contribution from you for the good of the cause.

Is This Slavery?

A PARTY of 114 Porto Ricans were brought to El Paso, Texas, last week, enroute to Hawaii under contract to work on sugar plantations.

George E. Baldwin, a labor contractor, is in charge of the company, and says they have agreed to go. The Porto Ricans contend, however, they were loaded on the boat with the understanding that they were going to the opposite side of the island to work.

Two escaped at Sanderson, Texas, but the county sheriff arrested them and delivered them to the guards. They made attempts to escape at every station, but were arrested.

They are in a pitiable condition, from a sanitary standpoint, and have been in the same cars for ten days. Two of the women have just given birth to children in the cars, and are in bad condition.

In Lew Wallace's great work, "Ben Hur," and in Dumas' "Count of Monte Cristo," you will find faithful portrayals of the methods similar to this, which the tyrants of ancient times adopted to get soldiers and men to man the galleys of their war ships.

Before the war the people yelled that this was the glorious land where liberty was enthroned, and when Garrison and Phillips thundered the truth that liberty and slavery were incompatible, and that the flag was not what it seemed, they were hounded to the earth and their lives made miserable by all the things which the privileged rich could induce their dupes to heap upon them.

Mrs. Ida Rennell, a widow, has reached here from Pine Ridge, Tenn., says a Nashville, Ill., dispatch. She walked the entire distance, 500 miles, in order to be at her aged mother's bedside before she died.

And we have railroads, and prosperity, and employment for all, and millionaires, and freedom to walk - and a nation of voters who are dupes to the money interests.

The Santa Fe telegraphers voted for the political parties that uphold the corporate ownership of telegraphs, and then struck against the effects of that ownership.

lished for nearly three months and sent under temporary permit. Did you ever hear of a democrat or republican paper being refused admission? Not on your sweet existence.

Fighting the State.

JOHN HENRY BLAKE, fire arms manufacturer of New York, has sent a claim to Governor Pingree against Michigan for \$1,124,000 for alleged reparation of his business, says a Detroit dispatch.

You see that the private interest of the man is placed above the nation in its hour of need. You see also that the state could and did put out the arms fast enough, while the manufacturer could or would not.

Seventeen Chicago syrup manufacturing concerns representing hundreds of thousands of dollars of capital, have seen their business almost destroyed, as the result of a war of extermination started against them two months ago by the Glucose Sugar Refining Co.

And there you are. The big fish are eating up the little ones and the little ones want to live in the old way and they can't.

The nearly two million populists who voted for Weaver in 1892 - where, O where are they? When they begin to chew on the half loaf, I wish they would write me a postal.

The Socialist poll in Massachusetts was 13,260, and is an officially recognized political party. The first Social Democratic ticket was put up in 1895, and received 3,749 votes; in 1899 it received 8,262; this year it received 13,260, as above stated.

At Buckley, Wash., the Socialists cast 27 votes out of 237. At the city election on December 4, they cast 45, and because of the illegal methods of the other parties, elected two out of three councilmen.

Mrs. I. Henry, Newark, N. J., writes me that the Appeal has opened her eyes and she has become one of the organizers of a woman's Socialist club with 53 members.

In Kalamazoo, Mich., the Socialists cast 192 straight tickets and have started work for the spring election.

A Lesson for Organized Labor.

The trouble between the Santa Fe railroad, the daily press, especially the republican papers, gave currency to the general managers' side of the story and not the men's, claiming the strike was ended, that the strike was off, and in every way tried to prejudice the public against the men, carefully suppressed printing anything about some horrible accidents caused by incompetent employes, and gave currency to bogus telegrams that the officers of the telegraphers had admitted the defeat of the men.

The Appeal is printing a new edition of Stockwell's "Bad Boy," re-written and illustrated. This little book of thirty-two pages, printed on fine paper, is probably the best thing that has been issued from the Appeal press as a thought-starter.

The Southern Ruralist of Atlanta, Ga., is shedding tears on account of the concentration of wealth and sees no way out except through Socialism, which it doesn't want.

There is only one power that can break the imperial trend of the republican party. It is the same power that is steadily destroying the faith of the German people in glittering tinsel of royalty.

The Socialist vote in Utah, as counted, was 717. Letters in this office give us grounds for assuming that only one-fourth of the ballots were counted.

I was an ardent admirer of Bryan, but your little paper came to me about three months before the election, and I realized where my interest lay.

At Port Angeles, Wash., at the general election the Socialist vote was 31; twenty-seven days later at the city election the vote was 115 out of 399.

C. L. Sharp, secretary of the International Brotherhood of Stationary Firemen, has announced that henceforth he is with the Socialists. Welcome.

Well, the democratic donkey is finally dead. The republicans will try to make it appear alive to still further fool the people, but it will be no go.

In the last issue of the Area, published weekly at Stuart, Idaho, the editor announced that henceforth it will be Socialist in policy.

A vote for a democrat in the future will be a vote to help the republicans by keeping the people from aligning themselves with the Socialists.

Just think of it. One of the Appeal army was elected auditor of the state of Montana.





