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## THE GUESSING CONTEST.

The next state election to be held in Massachusetts will occur November 5, 1901. On its results the Appeal will distribute among its army of workers the following presents:

To the one guessing the exact or nearest exact number of votes polled for the Socialist candidate or candidates for governor, a warranty deed to a 160-acre farm in Northern Arkansas.

To the second nearest guess, a four-year scholarship, which includes board, room, tuition and books in Ruskin College at Trenton, Mo.

To the third nearest guess, a two-year scholarship as above.

To the fourth nearest guess a \$100 library of Socialist books.

To the fifth nearest guess, a \$50 library.

To each of the next ten nearest guesses, \$10 library.

To the one sending in the largest number of yearly subscriptions during the life of this contest, a four-year Ruskin scholarship, as above.

Only one premium will be awarded to one person. All subscriptions you have sent in since May 15 will be counted.

The contest closes on November 1, at 6 p. m.

Rules: Each guess must be accompanied by five yearly subscriptions to the Appeal.

Year. Vote. Any number can be sent in at one time. A guess goes with each five names.

1892... 871  
1893... 2,023  
1894... 3,104  
1895... 3,249  
1896... 4,548  
1897... 5,331  
1898... 12,812  
1899... 13,949  
1900... 22,044  
1901... ?

Each guess must be accompanied by five yearly subscriptions to the Appeal. A supply of these guessing blanks will be sent you on application.

The vote for any candidate or candidates for governor running on a platform demanding "Public ownership of the means of production and distribution," will be counted.

The fact that you are contesting for some other premium does not bar you from this one.

The purchase of five subscription postal cards entitles you to one guess.

A pamphlet descriptive of Ruskin College and also of the 160-acre farm and the far-famed fruit belt of Northern Arkansas where it is located, is being prepared. Send for a copy.

## RUSKIN COLLEGE.

### The American Side of the Oxford Movement.

One hundred miles northeast of Kansas City at Trenton, Mo., on the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific railroad, stands an institution that represents the center of the Oxford movement in America.

This institution was formerly Avalon College, and was on the verge of failure when Mr. Walter Vrooman, founder of Ruskin Hall, Oxford, England, returned to America to establish here the Ruskin movement. He heard of Avalon, investigated, and the result was Ruskin College.

The College farm, consisting of 1,500 acres, was the gift of Mr. Vrooman. In addition to the land is the College building, which is commodious, handsome, and worth \$40,000. Here is located the executive offices, class rooms, college book and supply store, the carpenter shop and sewing room. New industries and departments are constantly being added. Nearby is a large laundry. Within a few blocks is the Trenton-Ruskin factory, under the direction of practical business men, where will be carried on the manufacture of brooms, handles, and various forms of wood novelties. Ruskin College seeks to educate the hand as well as the head, and fits the student with an armor of knowledge that stands him in good stead when he comes to enter the world's industrial arena.

On the farm there is a dairy department, and canning is soon to be made one of the important industries. The College course of study has recently been reconstructed throughout, the course like that of Harvard, being elective, and leading to the degree of B. A. There is no iron-clad curriculum on the contrary, the course is at all times subject to change and improvement, thus offering many advantages over the old fashioned way. This plan, one can readily see, is conducive to growth on the part of the faculty, and stimulates and brings forth their best effort. Ruskin College is absolutely free from the influence of capitalism; its teaching is ununited; stress is laid upon studies that fit the student for participating in the greatest movements of the age; it educates the whole man, the head, hand and heart.

This College, now known from ocean to ocean and beyond, is the American side of the Ruskin movement, whose European side is Ruskin Hall, Oxford, England. Its students come from almost every known country.

Ruskin College gives the young man an education worth having—it fits him to earn his own living in the world. Such an education certainly should be worth working for. It is not likely that you will ever have another such a chance to secure a college education as the Appeal now offers you. It is well worth the effort necessary to get it. Think this over.

I am filled with wonder that the millions of people cannot see that the stupendous, inconceivable millions that are pouring into the coffers of the already too rich, come out of their hide and tallow. I am not thinking wholly of the poorer paid, whose stolid, creased, stupid faces and dulled eyes show that they are merely machines in the industrial field—but also of the better paid classes. They seem to think it all right that a man or corporation can profit millions a year, and that it in no wise affects them. They do not seem to realize that the wealth of the speculators is so much taken from them—that wealth is something that does not come out of the air or foreign planets or somewhere that in no wise touches them! When I was speculating, it never occurred to me that what I gained others lost without any equivalent—but it did. I produced no equivalent for my gains, so how could those who created the values I secured, get any equivalent from me? But they thought I was smart because I was skinning them—only they did not see that they were the ones who were losers. And so it is that the fleecers of mankind are credited with being its best people, when in fact, they are its worst. Most of the wealth of the nation is now in possession of a few thousand families. How long will it be until they have all? Such a time certainly must come, unless the conditions be reversed. How are they to be reversed? Have you a definite program? Are you willing to let things go on hoping they will adjust themselves, when if they go on the conditions must more and more favor the rich as against the masses? Do you not think that if it gets too much one-sided and the people remain ignorant of a solution, that ignorance appeals to the only force it knows—brute force, and that you are inviting social anarchy and a fearful upheaval? You will not escape by acting the goose, and putting your head un-

## NOT TO BE IGNORED.

Editorial in Seattle Daily Times.

The subject of Socialism is not one to be ignored nor to be sneered out of discussion by the beneficiaries of the oligarchy of wealth. It is receiving the best thoughts of the best minds of the most enlightened nations of the earth.

The first step toward the emancipation of the working classes and all other classes, is education in the principles of political economy—the effects of following any line of social action. I do not regard the working people as being alone oppressed by the present system, but that all are oppressed—rich and poor. That the rich do not realize their oppression and loss, but uphold the present system under the belief that they benefit by it, it is no more proof of that position than that the wage-slaves believe the same thing. The "class struggle" is one between the class that does not know the benefits that would flow to them from Socialism and the class that does know. Public ownership of certain utilities would not necessarily benefit the working classes, as all they would save by raising prices could and would in time be absorbed by other lines held in private ownership—but it would direct the attention by its attention to the principles underlying public ownership, and would have a tendency to put the public service by taking away the incentive to bribery by corporation owners of franchises. I think that Socialists should not be side-tracked by public ownership parties, but should adhere to their own organization which is built upon the principle of public ownership of ALL capital instead of on a few so-called public utilities, for men who refuse to recognize the rightness and desirability of public capital as against private capital are not safe to trust in directing the affairs of the people to the Socialist goal. But instead of denouncing them, better results can be had by asking them the reasons why they favor public ownership in one thing and deny it in another—why the public cannot trust corporations to furnish water, light, transportation and yet can trust them with supplying or withholding food, clothing, houses—the NECESSITIES of life. It is easy to get a man or woman whose attention has been secured to a public ownership party to read pure Socialism and to reason on it. And that helps the revolutionary movement. In time Socialist sentiment created by present agitation will crystallize into a compact political power, and it is now going through a ferment preceding that state.

## THE LAST STRAW.

A little over \$500 is what it takes to send the special Doctors' Number to all the physicians in the United States. By referring to the list of contributions printed elsewhere, you can see the amount still needed to complete this fund. Some of the gang seem to be holding back, and it must be the Appeal has failed in some way to fully make clear the vast importance of plastering the whole country with this edition. For the last time the Appeal wishes to say to the gang: DON'T MISS THIS GLORIOUS OPPORTUNITY to place this issue in the hands of every doctor in the United States—IT MAY BE THE LAST STRAW NEEDED TO BREAK THE BACK OF THE CAPITALISTIC CAMEL. You have until June 8 to get in with your dollar.

President Schwab, of the steel trust, gets a million a year salary. He does not like labor unions. He says they prevent men from attaining their highest level. That men of ability can get good pay and positions without the union. But there is nothing in a union that prevents a corporation from paying ten times the scale if it wants to. The trouble with Schwab is that he thinks his life is worth a million a year, and that other men's lives are worth but a few hundred. How very gracious God must have been to make one life so much dearer than another! I wonder if Schwab needs a thousand times the food, clothing, shelter, instruction and entertainment for the proper development of himself and his family that other men and their families need! And if not, why should he take a thousand times as much as other men from the products made by the collective labor of all? Without the other men, nothing could be done, but the other men could do much without him and his million salary, for men made iron before he was born, and will make it without him or his salary after he is forgotten. The steel plant, all its details and developments, including Schwab's ability, are the products of the knowledge of the past, and he is no more entitled to hog such a share than to take all of it. Like Frederick the Great, of Prussia, he believes that working people exist solely for the pleasure and profit of the ruling classes. The monarch said: "I consider the people as the deer in the park of a great lord, whose only business is to people the park." I presume that because he held such an opinion of the people is the reason he has the sobriquet of "Great." The people always have been trained to honor the individuals and classes that have scourged them the most. If the millions of people working in iron support the system that makes them cattle for the steel trust, I will believe they are rightfully estimated by the Fredericks and Schwabs.

The supreme court of Iowa has just made perpetual an injunction prohibiting the citizens of Ottumwa from voting on a proposition as to whether they shall erect a municipal water plant! In America, too, my boy; in America! Where the people rule! If the court can do that they can prevent the people from voting on anything at any time or for any person or party. We live in a free country! How the czar must envy the absolutism of the judges of this corporation-ridden country. What power is greater than the edict of the men who are on the highest benches? Are they not absolute? Who or what can reverse their will? And if there is no reversal, are they not monarchs? The people are permitted to play with the ballot as long as they do not express a verdict in opposition to the capitalist interests, but the moment they think of doing this they are told they have no right to vote on public questions! And that in 125 years after the Declaration of Independence! Are you not as foolish as the Romans who did not wake up to the fact that they had a republic in name only for 150 years after the republic perished, and was controlled by a few? Do you remember the Dred Scott decision?

Some ministers in Topeka who were with the saloon smashers have been heavily fined—not for smashing and destroying property, but for "unlawful assemblage!" That is like fining Coxy for walking on the grass. How absurd the operation of law!

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How are the people to obtain Socialism when the nation is ruled by corruption and corporations from the lowest to the highest places? F. W. KROEGER.

By educating until they have a majority. There is no other way. A minority could not put Socialism into practice if they had the offices. The program must have the moral support of the majority, else their first act would frighten that ignorant majority. The Socialists all over the world were once opposed to it until they had been induced to read on the subject. Then they became adherents of it as devotedly as they had opposed it. The masses who are today supporting this system will desert it as soon as they get a fair comprehension of what Socialism will do for them and the world. They are true to their convictions, taking things all in all, today. They will be just as true to their Socialist ideals when they get them as was George Washington to the colonies, yet it was but a few months before he entered the continental army that he said that "he would rather lose his good right arm than to do aught against the king." See what conversion of ideas did there? Ideas control people—the people do not control ideas. A majority of the people of this country, will, in the next few years, be controlled by the Socialist ideas. All the money and wealth of the nation will not buy them back. Their conviction will not permit them to go back to the present system. The Socialistic ideals are taking possession of thousands daily, who at once influence their fellows in the same way, and thus the movement is growing in geometric ratio. We certainly have not less than three millions of men who are either Socialists or on whom the idea is making rapid growth. These ideas, as are all others, are things of growth. The ideas grow rapidly or slowly, according to environment. BUT IT NEVER GROWS UNTIL IT IS PLANTED. Therefore, it is the duty of Socialists to live for the cause, and plant the literature before every one who is mentally prepared to read. The end is near.

"Russia has the most drunkards per capita of any nation; and the government has the control of the liquor traffic."—Everywhere for May.

The above may or may not be true. It would depend on what constituted a drunkard. The government has but recently taken over the liquor traffic, and time has not elapsed in which to note the difference in its effect upon the use of liquors. The drunkards, at least, have been created under the system of private profits which obtained in the past. The government of Russia is such as if one man owned it, there being no higher law than the word of the czar. I should think that it would be to his interest to have

the people drink as much as possible, for two reasons—one that it would furnish him more means to carry out the ambitions of a world empire which Russia has ever dreamed of, and second, that in the stupidity which drink induces it would better enable him to keep the people ignorant and more easily controlled. I should not look for any greater change in the morals of the people under public ownership in Russia, than under private ownership, for public ownership there means private ownership of the czar. If public ownership obtained in a nation where the influence of the citizenship could be felt, Tolstol would be greater than the czar, and he has many followers there, and that would make an improvement. The paragraph quoted was intended to prejudice the unthinking against the principle of public ownership, but in that it is totally unfair and dishonest.

Your advice to people to put their savings into postal money orders where they will be safe from burglars, fires and possibly dishonest bankers, is good, but how do you overcome that feature of the order which says, "Invalid if not redeemed in one year from date?" I would like to see postal savings banks. J. THEISZ.

Postal orders are good until paid. After one year the holder has only to apply to any postmaster, who must forward them to Washington, and the department will send him or her a check on the U. S. treasury for the amount without cost. This occasions only two or three days' delay in the payment. The bankers do not want postal savings banks, because they know the people would use them as being safer. As there are about 6,000 bankers and only 75,000,000 other people, the 6,000 must have their way, just to prove that this is a government of the people. See?

Auditor Cole, of Kansas, refuses to register some refunding county bonds "because he believes the legislators were worked by the bond purchasers, and that the law gives dishonest officials too good a chance." What do you think of that in good, old, loyal republican Kansas? The legislature a set of thieves, taking bribery money! And that the opinion of a republican state official! If direct legislation were the principle of law-making, there would be no bribery of the members of the legislature, for they would not make the laws. Capitalists can bribe a few men elected to make laws, but they cannot bribe a majority of the people to vote for a bad law. And that is the reason the republican and democratic party managers do not want direct legislation—they could not get a good price for their votes. And that is what a majority of them want to get into the legislature for.

A month or so ago the Appeal suggested to the boys that they place a copy of Bellamy's "Water Tank" in the hands of every voter in the United States before the next general election. The idea was caught at once, and nearly 100,000 have been forwarded to the front, while the big book press is kept busy printing edition after edition of this popular little propaganda leaflet. The more the Appeal prints the less expense entailed, and, believing the boys have just commenced the fight, another edition of 100,000 will be put on the press and the price reduced to twenty-five cents per 100, or \$2.50 per 1,000. Every community should be thoroughly covered—every household should be supplied with a copy. The presentation of economic conditions are so plain and so convincing that they are simply irrefutable. Let us have your order now, and give decaying capitalism another solar plexus blow.

I notice re-unions of Confederate soldiers are being held in northern states, and in the success of which Union soldiers take as much pride and pleasure as they do in their own. I mention this merely to show how the opinions of men change on subjects. Had it been suggested to the boys in blue that in a few years they would be clasping the hands and honoring the men in gray, they would have considered one crazy. And just so it will be in a few years with Socialism. The time is not far in the future when the bitterest opponents of Socialism will be shouting for it and honoring the men whom today they think they despise, and consider enemies of the nation. All things come to those who labor and wait.

An advertisement in the Arkansas Democrat says: "The telephone reaches the buying class. Used by no one who has not the means to buy the ordinary comforts of life. How shall you reach this class? Ask your local telephone manager for particulars."

Which is an admission that there are classes that are not able to buy even the ordinary necessities of life! And of what benefit to such classes are telephones? Improvements that only a small part of the people of the earth can enjoy are not much progress. But the telephone monopolists will strenuously deny that there are classes in this country! Even when they advertise the fact that there are classes. Classes exist only in Europe!

It should be understood that the Ruskin scholarships that the Appeal is giving away in connection with its "guessing" contest, are transferable, and include board, room, books and tuition. If you do not wish to take the full course you can transfer it to some other member of the family.

There is trouble in the National Cash Register works at Dayton, Ohio. This has been the model factory of the nation, where the company has provided many advantages for its 2,500 employes—such as free baths, dinner service, kindergartens for the children, and rewards for valuable suggestions from its workmen. It had one weak spot—one man had the right to employ and discharge any one whom he liked or disliked, for any reason. Recently he discharged four men employed in the brass foundry, because they were teaching the laborers their rights as human beings and citizens, and their fellow union men refused to work until they were reinstated. The firm says it will never operate the plant again unless it can do so with men who do not belong to any union! That is the haughty, kingly spirit for you. One man to have the right over thousands to say whether they shall belong to any labor organization, church or political party! Lordy! how they do love the freedom of the individuals! The company has been made a success, has made millions for the masters by reason of the improvements suggested by these workmen, but the workmen must bend the knee to their masters! Some time the working men will vote themselves into office, they will then establish public workshops, they will elect the foremen and managers and superintendents, and they will operate the affairs of the nation in the interest of the working people, who are the great majority, and then they need not work for capitalists. Let the capitalists pull off their coats and roll up their sleeves and use the machinery they own. I guess they would not like such ownership. But the workers would then be free from the dictation of the masters' class, and would be their own masters.

From the east and the west, the north and the south, comes the cry for Socialist speakers. The demand is good now; it's going to be far greater in a very short time. Calls for Socialist public speakers should be promptly met. In order to keep in touch with this demand, the Appeal would suggest that all who are competent to proclaim the tenets of Socialism from the platform should make this fact known through the Appeal's advertising column. Just a one-line advertisement would be sufficient, and when several of these come in they can be classified under one heading. In this way the gang will always know where they can procure a good speaker.

I have no tears to shed for the people, hundreds of thousands, who were ruined by the recent up and down on the stock exchanges. They were trying to get something without working for it—something for nothing, and they got a dose of their own medicine. The small operators, lured by the reports of fortunes made in a few days, dug up savings of a lifetime and fell easily into the traps laid for them. The rich can now riot for several years on the spoils of their dupes. Thus is frugality and self-denial of the poor rewarded!

The union men in the Pennsylvania militia are asking to be discharged because their unions object. The officials refuse to let them off. Why do not the unions fill all the regiments and control the action of the militia? They would have the bulge on the capitalists by having the arms. But better would it be if no men would be made tools of by the capitalists to carry arms to shoot human beings to defend their stolen booty. Let capitalists carry their own guns.

Compulsory arbitration would make slaves of the working people, so the capitalists have made them believe. What is the matter with soldiers compelling the submission of the workers in their plea for justice being compulsory arbitration with a capital C? And that too, on one side only, and that against the workers?

The Appeal desires to make up a list of all news stands and book stores that are handling Socialist papers, books and pamphlets. If there is one in your town, send the name and address.

## WEEKLY PREMIUM AWARD.

The weekly premiums for the second week in May, ending May 18, have been awarded as follows:  
Ten-acre farm to James O'Connor, Bridgeport, Conn.; 106 subscribers.  
Ten dollars in cash to C. A. Reese, Condersport, Pa.; 50 subscribers.  
Five dollars in cash to J. W. Corbin, Winfield, Kan.; 26 subscribers.

## The Appeal's

Once-a-Week

## Distribution of Present

Commencing May 26, the Appeal will distribute a few presents each week among its club workers, as follows:

To the one sending the largest number of yearly subscriptions, a \$25 library.

To the one sending the second largest number, \$10 in cash.

To the one sending the third largest number, a \$10 library.

Week ends on Saturday at 6 p. m. Those who secure libraries may make their own selection from our book list at prices shown therein per copy.

This weekly distribution will continue as long as this announcement appears in the paper each week.



A TRIP TO HELL.

In the dark one night I lay upon my bed. I heard the policeman's feet beat on the pavement; I heard the wheels of carriages roll home from houses of entertainment; I heard a woman's laugh below my window—and then I fell asleep. I dreamed God took my soul to Hell.

cried, "Ours, our own, our beloved!" and twined their long hair about them. I said to God, "Why are they frightened of that one small hand?" God answered, "Because it is so white."

lingering still among the coping-stones upon the mounds. A banquet-house stood here." And he called me to come further.

BOOKS RECEIVED.

"Labor," a novel, by Emile Zola. Harper Bros., Publishers, New York. Cloth, \$1.50.

Zola's new book, "Labor," is the record of a young man who became imbued with the injustice done to labor, and undertakes the work of overturning the old system and substituting a new order.

"The Republic of Plato," Book One. Translated by Alexander Kerr. C. H. Kerr & Co., Publishers, Chicago, Ill.

Billions on Faith.

A statement just issued by the Treasury Bureau of Statistics shows that the national debts of the world have increased in a little over a century at the rate exhibited in this table:

Table with 2 columns: Year and Amount. 1793: \$2,433,250,000; 1820: 7,399,750,000; 1848: 8,419,045,000; 1862: 13,382,875,000; 1872: 22,410,232,000; 1882: 26,249,901,000; 1901: 31,493,749,000.

Within the lifetime of men of middle age these debts have tripled. They now amount to a sum that would buy out half of the United Kingdom. It is simply beyond the reach of the human imagination.

Education is the Most Effective Weapon. Left in the hands of the Socialists. Remember it was a stray copy of some paper or pamphlet which first opened your eyes.

PUBLIC OWNERSHIP.

The idea of the public ownership of the means of production and distribution is growing rapidly in our country, but still is much misunderstood and unappreciated.

The advocates of that theory do not ask that the wealth of the nation be divided up, nor that the property belonging to one man be forcibly taken from him and given to another.

How about the non-producers of today, what is to become of them? We will need more teachers and authors and musicians and artists than now.

The class of non-producers whose energies are spent engineering various business enterprises, will be called upon to join the ranks of those performing some useful service to the nation.

I wish to append a table showing how a small profit of 10% can multiply and compound to make a large item when every process in the marketing of an article is considered.

Table showing cost breakdown for various goods like calf skins, cost hide dealer, cost tanner, cost leather dealer, cost shoe man, cost wholesaler, cost retailer, and cost consumer.

Railroad Hill has cleared \$4,000,000 in Wall street by buying railroad stock which rose because it was supposed that he was purchasing to bring about a great combination.

THIS BIG WORLD OF OURS.

Little Items Showing the Drift of Affairs. Leadville, Colo., by a decree of the supreme court, is the owner of some valuable mines.

The brick-making machine has superseded the old hand method. An expert brick-maker could make about 6,000 brick per day by hand.

At Madison, Ind., the buyer for the Continental Tobacco Co., has a sign over his place of business which reads: "Take our weights or take your tobacco."

John Swinton, the New York artist, at a meeting in Coopers' Union recently declared: "Brave men in Albany are baring their breasts on the bayonets of that gang of cowards."

It was announced by several of the metropolitan papers some few months ago, with much display of large type and double-lead primer, that the saving effected by the consolidation of the coal companies of the country would amount to millions per year.

Effect of Speculation. Does the fever of stock gambling increase the death rate? The statistics of the past few weeks answer in the affirmative.

Miss Ellen A. Griffin, a rich recluse in New York, left \$10,000 to provide for a pet dog. How many outcasts might well wish they had been born somebody's pet pup.

An Effective Club. Is the Appeal's "Solar Plexus" Combination of pamphlets for propaganda work among the unenfranchised and unregimented parties.

Are you Interested In THE Special Doctors' Edition?

Do You Want a Ten-Acre Fruit Farm?

The Appeal is Going to Give you One

A Colorado comrade has swelled the Doctors' Special Edition fund by contributing a ten-acre fruit farm, located in Howell county, Missouri.

Holding Their Own.

Whatever judgment current opinion may pass upon the Socialist philosophy as a whole, it must certainly be admitted that in the field of pure economics the Socialists have more than held their own.

The Socialist economists, on the other hand, have made a complete analysis of the present system. In their investigations of the nature of value they laid hold of the only property possessed by a community that could, under a reasonable system, serve as a measure of value.

Sir Alfred Russell Wallace, the Scientist.

Sir Alfred Russell Wallace, the celebrated English scientist, who shares with Darwin the credit for having established the doctrine of the origin of species, startled the scientific world recently by announcing that "the society of the future will be some form of socialism, which may be briefly defined as the organization of labor for the good of all."

"What then would be the economy when all the industries of a whole country are similarly organized for the common good, and when all absolutely useless and unnecessary employments were abolished—such as gold and diamond mining except to the extent needed for science and art; nine-tenths of the lawyers and all the financiers and stock gamblers?"

Trusts in Continental Europe.

Coal, sugar, wire, plate glass, and so on down to fez caps and enameled cooking ware—all these the trade on the continent has become syndicated to an extent of which the ordinary consumer has little idea, but which if he had, would possibly in some degree explain to him how it is that improved processes, more abundant food and greater facilities of intercommunication do not seem very materially to reduce the price of these and other commodities.

The street car men in Washington city threaten to strike because the company forces them to pay \$14 for clothes that they can get for \$12. Thus you see, the capitalists are small enough to attempt the robbery of the poor wages they pay, by such petty extortion.

When it rains and better crops are promised the farmer, he does not get the benefit. The speculators keep posted, and reduce the price of the promised crop. You will notice this in the daily press, that good rains in the corn belt had the effect of lowering the price of corn!

A newspaper dispatch from New York is headed: "Splendid Trade Outlook—All Conditions Favorable—Good Crop Reports, Heavy Bank Clearings, Big Railway Earnings and Liberal Orders Form the Combination," and winds up as follows: "Failures of the week numbered 206 in the United States, against 164 last year, and \$1 in Canada, against 17 last year."

Discontent the Motive Power.

At first the baby lies flat on his back, eyes staring up at the ceiling. By and by he gets tired of lying on his back. DISCONTENT with his condition makes him wriggle and wriggle. At last he succeeds in turning over.

But the human infant—thanks to labor cravings—is DISCONTENTED with crawling. With much trouble and risk and many feeble tottelings, he learns to walk erect. He gets up in a position that takes his eyes off the ground. He is able to look at the sun and stars and takes the position of a man. DISCONTENT is his mainspring at every stage.

What discontent does in the limited field of a child, it does on a much larger scale in the life of a man—and a scale still larger in the life of a race.

You can always tell when a man has reached the limit of his possible development. He ceases to be discontented—or at least to show discontent actively.

Contentment, apathy, are signs of decadence and of a career ended in either a man or a nation.

Unless you believe that the world is perfect because YOU happen to have enough to eat and to wear, you should be discontented.

You should remember that the world's achievements and great changes have all come from discontent, and you should be, in as many ways as possible, a breeder of discontent among the human beings around you.—N. Y. Journal.

A Straw.

The following telegram was sent out from New York last week. It is simply an indication of which way the wind is blowing:

The Lawyers' Turn Now.

A lawyer of Toledo, who has attained considerable prominence and wealth as a corporation attorney, recently told a newspaper reporter that directly or indirectly the continued consolidation of industrial interests and the centralization of wealth are injuriously affecting the legal profession.

A FEW HINTS

On How to Circulate Socialist Literature

A Florida comrade writes the Appeal an interesting letter in which he makes a number of good suggestions on the above subject.

He mentions one plan that a wide-awake Socialist of that state adopted which met with considerable success: He secured advertisements from the store-keepers and other business men, then had them printed on little leaflets, sandwiched in with short, pithy Socialist sentences, and scattered them broadcast.

Send out a few marked copies of the Appeal to your acquaintances occasionally—some good workers have been made in this way.

Municipal ownership is a question that is just now agitating most towns and cities—men of all political faiths are discussing it.

The American Farmer, by Gordon, Price per 100. Parable of the Water Tank, by Bellamy, \$1.00.

Capitalistic Consistency. One of the gang who is a railroad man, employed by the Chicago and Great Western railroad, sends in copies of two bulletins recently issued by that company.

It is Absolutely Necessary. To arouse the public conscience to that point which enabled it during the Revolution to throw off the English yoke, and which in later years made the freedom of the slaves possible.

A Good Guesser. The following conversation between two old farmers took place in a little town in central Illinois. They met in front of the postoffice, where one of them had just gotten his weekly mail.

Short Range Combination No. 2. 10 Rounds \$1. The Man Under the Machine, \$1.00. The Christ, Property and Man, \$1.00.

Appeal Army

The Appeal reserve fund is now \$121.53. This fund is increased from the profits of book sales, which are sold aside to build up the fund. You can swell it by purchasing books.

Eight scalps from Comrade Slater, of Alberene, Virginia. Comrade Doty, of Arusa, Cal., hits us with a club of seven.

Comrade Hayhurst, of Orangeville, Pa., hands in six yearlies. Bunch of six yearlies from Comrade Boynton, of Vesper, Wis.

Have you noticed how that automobile fund is climbing up? Comrade O'Leary, of Charlestown, Mass., hands in a bunch of eight yearlies.

Comrade Eastman, of Riverdale, N. H., helps to swell the tide with a list of seven yearlies. Scandinavian Local Union No. 194, of Chicago, orders 100 copies of "New Zealand in a Nutshell."

Comrades who have secured one of the ten-acre farms will note that the taxes for 1900 have been paid. Comrade Mason, of Meadville, Pa., hands in eleven yearlies, and says: "I could not help but come again."

Comrade Wright, of Muskegon, Mich., will see that all the doctors of that city get a copy of No. 288. The gang should not overlook that "Short Range" combination No. 1. It's a deadly dose and never hangs off.

Comrades of Delaware, you now number seven. Can't we arrange it so we can add a cipher to that figure and make it 70?

A list of eight yearlies from Comrade Whidden, of Republic, Wash. The boys are whooping them up in that state just at present.

Comrade Crump, of Meridan, Miss., sends in six yearlies. This list came just in time to save the Army editor a trip to Mississippi.

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OFFER EXTENDED--\$2 for \$1. In the Appeal last month we offered to send the International Socialist Review one year and books to the amount of \$1.00 to any one sending us \$1.00 by May 15. We now extend this offer to July 1, and include in it some additional books.

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