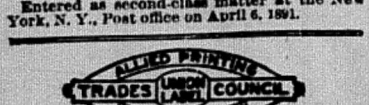


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SOCIALIST VOTE IN THE UNITED STATES.

Table showing Socialist vote in the US: In 1888 (Presidential) 2,069; In 1890 13,331; In 1892 (Presidential) 21,157; In 1894 35,133; In 1896 (Presidential) 36,564; In 1898 82,204.

"A poor, ignorant creature," is a common term of reproach, as if poverty and ignorance must be inseparable. If a list could be obtained of the rich ignorant people, it would be no flattering document to stick on the door of the temple of Mammon.

Rumors reach us that the Volkszeitung Publishing Association's application to the Courts for a preliminary injunction, restraining the S. L. P. from using "THE PEOPLE" as the name of its official national organ, has been or will be granted, on the ground that the paper is the private property of the Volkszeitung Publishing Association.

In the meantime if the rumors prove true, then the Party's organ may have to temporarily assume a new name. The comrades, friends and readers generally, are accordingly notified that in such an eventuality the paper will appear under some other name.

THE VOICE OF WASHINGTON STATE.

SEATTLE, Wash., July 19, 1899. At a regular meeting of the State Committee S. L. P. of the State of Washington, it was by unanimous vote ordered, that the corresponding secretary write to all the sections and members at large of Washington, notifying them of the usurpation of "Volkszeitung" malcontents of the city, state and national functions of the Socialist Labor Party at New York.

A NESTOR THAT IS NONE.

Circuit Judge John W. Henry, said to be the Nestor of Kansas City lawyers, has just rendered a boycott decision. His utterance, tho' not extraordinary remarkable for much freshness, is noteworthy, nevertheless, as being the latest utterance from the Bench on the subject; it is, moreover, noteworthy for the clearness of its language.

remarkably forcible presentation of the underlying principle of our present system of laws, to wit, the principle that labor is a bit of merchandise, in no way different from bricks, beef, potatoes, or yards of cloth.

From these premises the lawyer Nestor of Kansas City draws with fenshish pleasure and relentless logic conclusions that can not be gainsaid.

A Nestor is a being of many years and corresponding experience. Youth, inexperienced through lack of years, may be excused for believing that which it sees to be of all time, and, consequently, for all time.

But besides being the reverse of a Nestor in experience, Judge Henry of Kansas City is none in the amount of positive knowledge that, it is not too much to expect, one may look to from a Nestor.

The Constitution of the United States and of all the States have other clauses besides those that tickle the capitalist cockles of Judge Henry's heart; notably there is a clause that is a wide gate for the healthy gusts of fresh air: THE AMENDMENT CLAUSE.

BUTCHERS AND ANTI-SEMITISM.

An item in a press despatch from Paris last week must have looked odd to many.

Jules Guérin, the President of the Anti-Semitic League, being besieged by the Police and Military of Paris at the League's headquarters, a big demonstration was held in its behalf in the Boulevard de Magenta and the Rue Lafayette.

By the butchers? What special relation is there between the butchers' trade and Anti-Semitism? Anti-Semitism is upheld by its upholders as something supremely ethereal and spiritual.

To look for the point of contact between the two on the surface of things would be going on the hunt for a mare's nest. The two DO come together, there IS a point of contact between them; there IS a spot where they do run into one.

The butchers, mostly, overwhelmingly so, have long had a grievance against that part of Semitism that their business runs up against. Gentle, as well as Semitic physicians, recommend with greater frequency than is agreeable to the Gentle butcher, that their patients patronize the Jewish butcher shop.

favor of the President of the Anti-Semitic League, organized by the butchers of Paris, is, accordingly a thing that, however much it will puzzle the non-Socialist, is as natural a phenomenon as ducks taking to mill-ponds.

The incident of the butchers' demonstration in favor of Mr. Guérin may be too trifling for much importance to be attached to the capacity of seeing thro' it.

Well for Bryan! All sorts of rumors being afloat as to Bryan's views on what is the most important issue, and particularly as to whether he has fallen from grace on the 16 to 1 question, he gets himself interviewed in Omaha, and through the various trombones, clarinets and penny and other whistles of the press of the land, his sonorous voice rings out clear, as follows:

"The trust question is a great question, but we cannot make peace with the money trust, in order to attack a tooth-pick trust."

Well for Bryan! In these days of chameleon characters, the man who stands out clear is a rare jewel. Bryan typifies the Democratic party, the Democratic party typifies the utopian element in the land, with their faces to their backs, ignorant of the present and what it means, taking the branch-results of capitalism for its root-causes.

This Jimenez revolution of Santo Domingo is hanging fire in a silly way. Where is the hitch? Can the capitalistic interests in the United States, at the bottom of the affair, not come to an agreement?

It is a scurvy trick that Municipal Justice Thomas C. Kadien has just played upon the "tax-payers" "Volkszeitung" brigade.

Attention is called of the comrades and friends in New York and vicinity to the picnic for the benefit of our comrades, the trolley-men, who were victimized by the recent strike.

The affair promises to be both pleasurable and inspiring. It will be a positive demonstration.

POLITICAL and ECONOMIC.

The Pittsburgh, Pa., "Retail Merchants' Review" is building upon quicksands. Arguing upon the necessity for securing legislation to "protect the interests" of the small retail grocers, it says:

"The 'if' in this case is of colossal proportions. 'If' united and working together, certainly! But there is the rub. No class is less able to work unitedly together than just the small middle class.

There are about six thousand retail grocers in the State. Do you realize what a power they could be in politics if closely united and working together?

The English translation of Karl Marx' "Eighteenth Brumaire," that some time ago ran through THE PEOPLE, is now to be had bound in an elegant volume of 78 pages, with Marx' picture as frontispiece.

The receipt of a sample copy of "THE PEOPLE" is an invitation to subscribe.

THE EVOLUTION

Of Taxation from Feudal to Capitalist Society.

Turgot's maxim: "Taxation is the art of plucking the goose without making her cry," was by no means a purely humorous utterance.

In the earlier part of the feudal period wage labor did not exist. The domestic servants of the lord were actual slaves, while the villeins, bound to the soil, eked a living out of it subject to any service which the lord deemed fit to impose.

Manifently, then, both the rent and the taxes came out of the "surplus value" and not out of the "wages." They affected the condition of the employer, as such, and not the condition of the worker, as such.

But incidentally, at rare intervals, events took place that brought about a modification of the standard of requirements; for the "labor market" was already then, as it is now—though less fitfully then than now—subject to variations, consequent upon any marked change that might occur in the ratio between the supply of labor and the demand for it.

The diversity of this wealth, of its forms, uses, origin and destination, permitted also of a far greater variety of taxing devices than the raw produce of the land.

There were impost, duties and prohibitions of all kinds, according to every possible mode of taxation, except the so-called "equal" one, invented later by Adam Smith and found impracticable.

For these and many kindred reasons there was a feeling at times that things might be better than they were; that the luxury of kings, ever so profitable to a few taxmen, was not a boon to the

others, who were "the many"; that the discrimination, so necessary in taxation matters, was not what it should be; that the lords and the high clergy, who owned the land and lived sumptuously upon "rent" (exactod for the use of the God-given sources of existence and wealth), contributed but little, if anything, to the support of government; and that what in reason ought to be free from all burdens and impediments was "Labor."

To one king at least these remonstrances were not unpleasant. He was the king of France, Louis XV., hard pressed for money. Between one debauch and another he listened complacently to his physician, Dr. Quesnay, the original prophet of the single tax ("l'Impôt Unique").

It is but little over a century since the true capitalistic era began with the introduction of steam-moved machinery. But all the countries did not enter it at the same time. England inaugurated it; the United States followed closely; then France; then, fifty years ago, Germany.

Fair was the Day.

(To my friend and comrade, Martha Moore Avery, the following verses, delivered at South Farmington, Mass., July 30, '99, are most respectfully inscribed, for the anniversary reunion of the Karl Marx classes of Boston and vicinity, 1899, by Byron Efford, Revere, Mass.)

O fair was the day, and still fairer the hour, When a mother of Treves gave a son not in vain; Who beholding proud England consume labor power, Marx opened in science the map of her reign; Not the tricks of bold Europe alone did he ferret, But marked it the classic spot in the world's a shamble, O, then as we triumph, remember his merit, And honor the classes that meet in his name.



Uncle Sam and Brother Jonathan.

BROTHER JONATHAN (with dancing eyes).—Did you see that Communist meeting of the striking "tax" composers?

UNCLE SAM.—Yes, I was there. B. J.—Wasn't it grand? U. S.—In what way? The size of the meeting?

B. J.—No; not that; but the magnificent example of unity of action! Did you notice the men on the platform? U. S.—I did.

B. J.—Wasn't it beautiful? Wasn't it inspiring to see so many men of different views, different political convictions all united to boycott that capitalist paper, and punch that capitalist concern?

U. S.—Can't say I agree with you. Can't say the sight was inspiring. Can't say that "so many men of different political views" did present "the united front" that could really punch that capitalist paper. So you see I can't enthuse?

B. J. (disgusted).—Is there anything that WILL enthuse you Socialists?

U. S.—Yes, indeed, I'll tell you what would enthuse us. A gathering of men who HAVE cohesive power. You gathering on that platform was such; and only gatherings that do have cohesive power are able to do anything. That gathering was a STRONG though it may have been LARGE, no stronger than a mountain of sand.

B. J.—So you would like to have everybody think just like you?

U. S.—Not unless people, gathered together, DO think just alike on important matters can they develop unity of action and the force necessary to PUNCH. As it was, you had Republicans and Democrats, Free Silverites and Gold Standardites, Socialists and Single Taxers, New Trade Unionists and Labor Fakirs—all were there. Now, the only spot where a capitalist concern is punishable is its political side; accordingly, only to the end of giving a political punch is unity of purpose possible. And how on earth do you expect unity of purpose from such a heterogeneous crowd as that?

B. J.—W—w—e—e—e—

U. S.—Simply impossible. As the capitalist concern in question knows that, and feels correspondingly safe from that only weak side, how much do you imagine it cares how many people gathered on that platform? IT has eyes. IT saw there a large crowd with no more cohesive power to do harm than a sand hill, and it felt safe and happy. See?

B. J.—W—w—e—e—e—

U. S.—There is no WELL about it. There is much, however, that is WRONG. It is fit to make one bare a blood vessel to see these pure and simple tactics persisted in, and thus have the capitalist's hands played into. Has there been on that platform one-half the people who were there, but class-consciously united, then there would have been something to enthuse over. Then would the "Sun" have felt the blow—and, Jonathan, the day WILL come when that will be so. Pure and simple warfare may be beautiful, but it is not war, and nothing but WAR can be effective. Drop your illusions.

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OFFICIAL.

REPORT TREASURER NAT. EX. COM., January 24 to July 1st, 1899.

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Section Passaic Co., of which Richter and Maguire are members. Insertion—That the police were asked to put Herstein out of the room...

COMMUNICATIONS. One from J. P. Weigel stating that he resigned as Secretary of the State Committee...

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES. Comrade Walker, who was deputed to visit Elizabeth's meeting, held August 2d, reported that Plainfield comrades were not allowed to vote...

REPORTS OF COUNTIES. Passaic reported that the Section has but little dissatisfaction, and that from readers of the "Volkszeitung" only.

NEW BUSINESS. Comrade Glanz, of Paterson, elected Financial Secretary pro tem, and instructed to demand stamps and money for same from Richter...

ELIZABETH.—A very enthusiastic meeting of local Party members was held at the new headquarters in Elizabeth, N. J., on Saturday evening, August 19th...

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OHIO. Regular meeting held on August 14th, with Comrade Margaretten in the chair. Minutes of previous meeting adopted as read.

PENNSYLVANIA. ERIE.—Section Erie has nominated a county ticket for the election, as follows: Carl Schleicher—Registrar and Recorder.

RHODE ISLAND. To Sections and Comrades of the Socialist Labor Party, U. S. A.—Pursuant to orders received from the National Executive Committee...

VIRGINIA. RICHMOND.—At a special meeting of Section Richmond, S. L. P., held at their headquarters, 1617 East Broad street, on the above date, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

RESOLVED, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the Central Committee of Section San Francisco and also to the Nat'l Executive Committee.

WASHINGTON. SEATTLE.—WHEREAS, A resolution has been passed by Section Chicago in which the claim is made of anarchy existing in our Party, which claim is not proven...

NEW YORK. NEW YORK.—Regular meeting of General Committee, Section Greater New York, held on Saturday, August 26, at 523 E. 11th street, Borough of Manhattan.

AGITATION FUND. Previously received \$44.00. 2d and 3d Districts, collected at meeting, 1.50. 6th Ward Branch, collected at meeting, 1.25.

SLATERSVILLE STRIKE FUND. Previously acknowledged \$1,711.40. Section Paterson, N. J., 2d Ward, 2.30.

DAILY PEOPLE CONFERENCE. Regular meeting held on August 14th, with Comrade Margaretten in the chair. Minutes of previous meeting adopted as read.

DONATIONS TO THE PEOPLE. Previously acknowledged \$1,209.31. Section Allentown, Pa., S. L. P., 5.00.

Daily People Minor Fund. Previously acknowledged \$2,374.59. Section Yohogany, N. J., 5.00.

General Agitation Fund. Previously acknowledged \$173.42. Section Fall River, Mass., per B. F. Kelnard, 4.50.

THE UNDCING OF THE ADULLMITES. (Continued from Page 3.) months, and then, exhausted with their efforts, did the cave men again retire to their games, and one by one they bury their dead, singing their dirge and imbibing the hop wine, until at last but two being left they did give a revised version of the pathetic drama entitled "The Kilkenny Cats."

DAILY PEOPLE CONFERENCE. Meets on MONDAY, August 28th, at 8 p.m. at 98 Avenue C. Every party organization should send delegates, who should not fail to attend.

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DAILY PEOPLE CONFERENCE. Second and fourth Monday, at 8 p.m., 98 Avenue C, New York. SIFF. 362 Canal street, Financial Secretary.

CARL SAHM CLUB (MUSICIANS' UNION). Meetings every Tuesday, at 10 a.m., 64 East 4th street, New York Labor Union. Business Secretary: Friel.

MUSICAL PROTECTIVE ALLIANCE. 1025, 10 A. 49, S. T. & L. A. Headquarters, 79 East 4th street. Meetings every Friday at 12 o'clock noon.

SKANDINAVIAN SECTION, S. L. P. second and fourth Sunday of every month at 10:30 o'clock a.m., 157 Third Avenue, New York City.

SOCIALIST SCIENCE CLUB, S. L. P. 2d and 3d Ave. Meeting every Friday at 8 p.m.

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