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SOCIALIST VOTE IN THE UNITED STATES.

Table showing Socialist vote in the United States from 1888 to 1898, with a total of 82,204 in 1898.

When a deed is done for Freedom, through the broad earth's aching breast...

LOWELL



A little over two months ago the New York "Independent," a weekly magazine, published an article by Henry Austin...

Austin showed conclusively that Tammany had an immediate interest in rupturing the Socialist Labor Party...

Subsequent events came in, one by one, to demonstrate the correctness of Austin's historical analysis...

The thrill of joy with which all the militant Socialists of the land will receive the news...

We hear from one end of the land to the other the shout of "Charge!" and we see the serried ranks of the militant Socialists falling upon the foe...

POLITICAL and ECONOMIC.

About four months ago, led by the New York Journal and "Daily News," the metropolitan capitalist press...

With the fight, started and managed by the "Volkszeitung" against the Party, now gloriously ended...

claiming that these were now overthrown, it said:

That had to take an end, and it has taken an end.

And the mind likewise reverts to the comment made upon these very words by the Milwaukee, Wis., "Wahrheit":

"It has taken an end"—We doubt that. The thick end of the wedge is yet to come.

Prophetic "Wahrheit!"

NOW the thing IS ended—and so is the "Volkszeitung" bourgeois conspiracy with its Grunzig, Jonas, Schluter and kindred conspirators...

The Boston (Mass.) "Globe" has this bit of information:

Robert Lawrence, social democratic candidate for representative, has 56 names on his paper, which he will file before Friday.

The above is as full of substance as an egg is of meat.

It is a good, substantial revelation (to the uninitiated) that the so-called Social Democracy is nothing but a decoy-duck, ready to do the deceiving for either of the two old capitalist parties...

It is another good, substantial revelation (to the uninitiated) to notice the note of surprise in that capitalist paper's item; the capitalist papers illustrate the truth of the saying that "Dupers and Duped, Cheaters and Cheatees are but the obverse and reverse of the same medal..."

Under the heading, "What the Editor Thinks," the Rich Hill, Mo., "Bates County Critic" publishes this:

The first test has been made at Connetquot, O., of the one unloading machine in the world. Five machines will supplant 1,000 men.

Ain't it beautiful? Ain't it radical? No! It is neither beautiful nor radical.

A sense of depression steals over one at the reading of such a squib. It denotes much understanding of the question; it denotes progress. And yet it reveals a timidity about uttering what the editor does know that is distressing.

Why not out with it, and announce the platform of the Socialist Labor Party, the aims and tactics of the Party as the only means in existence in the land whereby to turn the machine into a blessing from the curse it is to-day?

It is hardly right to do as the New Orleans (La.) "Times-Democrat" is doing, crack jokes at the expense of men thrown out of work by machinery.

"Have you heard of the new automatic drummer?" said a Louisville traveling man, as he joined the group in front of one of the hotels last night.

Although the drummers, as a rule, have so far proved an inaccessible element to Socialist teachings, yet are they human beings and proletarians at that.

Elsewhere in this issue is announced the entertainment of the 16th A. D. for the benefit of the campaign.

A CHALLENGE

To Samuel Prince, Democratic Candidate for Assembly in the 16th N. Y. A. D.

Sir—As the nominee of the Socialist Labor Party in the Sixteenth Assembly District of this city, for the same office that you have been nominated for by the Democratic party, I hereby challenge you to public debate on the issues of the campaign...

With barely 1,000 votes three years ago, the Socialist vote in the district has since gradually and forcibly risen to over 2,200 last year, and is to-day a powerful second in the field.

That Tammany Hall has chosen a candidate eager to play the rôle of tub to the whale and bait for the capitalist hook is proved by the cards you are circulating, styling yourself "Labor's Champion"; that, however, Tammany Hall was extremely unfortunate in its choice, an inquiry into your well-known career will make equally clear.

A "Champion of Labor" and Tammany Hall don't "mix." A "Champion of Labor" demands the abolition of the wages system of slavery; Tammany Hall stands upon the principle of perpetuating wage slavery.

But if, speaking generally, it is a badge of fraud to hold oneself out as a "Champion of Labor" while being a candidate of a capitalist party, the fraud is deeper in your particular instance.

In dropping its old style of candidate for the Assembly and choosing YOU—the advocate of an independent labor party, a man with a "labor record"—Tammany Hall has but baited the capitalist political hook that it formerly applied unbaited; it has but thrown a tub to the approaching whale of the Socialist Labor Party; it has admitted all that the S. L. P. has been preaching in the district, but it pretends compliance with those principles by means of deception.

Nor could Tammany Hall have chosen a fitter candidate for its purpose.

The manner in which you earn your living is particularly foul as a working-man. You have some means, quite enough to conduct a little cigar factory of your own; and you have enough political pull to be allowed to place cigar stands where large crowds gather at public parades and the like.

I shall cause this challenge to be read at each of the numerous public meetings that the Socialist Labor Party will hold between now and Election Day, and shall cause a copy of it to be placed in the hands of all the registered voters in the district.

DANIEL DE LEON.

History of the Dubuque Bill.

By MICHAEL T. BERRY, Haverhill, Mass.

Under the régime of capitalism, all legislation is enacted with a view to bettering the chances for the exploitation of the wage slaves by the capitalist class. ALL LEGISLATION IS CLASS LEGISLATION.

Before I enter into a lengthy discussion upon this bill it is well to take a careful survey of certain other matters, such as the Franchise, the conditions under which the working class exist, and the Trustee or Garnishee process which was in vogue prior to the passage of the "Dubuque bill."

Sources of the Dubuque Bill.

The Massachusetts capitalists, like their kind elsewhere, are constantly looking around them, trying in some way or other to abridge the suffrage. It was so in 1896, when after a long drawn out discussion, covering two sessions of the legislature, the matter of changing from annual to biennial elections was submitted to the voters in the form of a constitutional amendment.

How Things Were Formerly.

Prior to the passage of Chap. 549, as it is called, there was in existence an act known as the Trustee Process, which permitted a debtor, if his wages were "Trusted" or attached, to claim an exemption of \$10—if the bill was for the necessities of life—and \$20 if the bill was for other than necessities.

More Light.

Such were the conditions which surrounded the working class in the 80's. Such are not the conditions which surround them to-day. Since then wages have fallen to a mere nothing; the "prosperity" of capitalism now mangles the workers of the Bay State; through the concentration of industry the numbers of unemployed are now greater in every trade, and in no trade; consequently, jobs are not so easy to get and the wages of those who are at work are low.

Mr. Dubuque.

The Socialist Labor Party well knows that material interests furnish the mainspring for human action. No where is the truth of this principle

more manifest than in this law. Its sponsor was Hugo A. Dubuque, a lawyer in the city of Fall River, then representing the 10th Bristol District in the Massachusetts House of Representatives.

The Dubuque Bill.

Under the prior law or trustee process the creditor who sought to squeeze the worker after the squeezing which he had undergone in the shop, went through a procedure something like this: The first thing that had to be done was to find the debtor either in the possession of money, or property, or at work; after finding the debtor at work, it was necessary that he earned more than \$10. If he did not earn more than \$10 it was a worthless task trying to collect the debt, and if the debt was for any large sum, and the debtor could not be found earning wages whereby a good portion of the debt could be liquidated by the original action, the debt was the same as worthless.

Dubuque took all this into consideration in the construction of his bill. He knew that the working class was not earning even the "living wage" which the "pure and simple" traitors to labor prate about; so he started out to provide the creditor class with a drag net, which combines in itself the elements of civil and criminal law and equity procedure.

What It Means.

THE CAPITALIST CLASS, HAVING REDUCED THE WORKING CLASS TO THE LEVEL OF PAUPERS, NOW PROPOSES TO MAKE OF THEM CRIMINALS. The working class stands to-day where debt is one of the conditions of their existence, he they ever so honest, they cannot escape it and exist.

In the recapitulation of this article it should be borne in mind that Massachusetts has a statute which forbids paupers voting. Right here is where the Dubuque bill connects with the suffrage. If a voter or any other person whom by law he is bound to support has received aid from the city or town wherein said voter has a voting residence within 90 days next prior to an election, that makes that voter a "pauper" within the meaning of the law, and he does not vote at that election.

The capitalist press has commented on what they are pleased to term "the abuse of the Dubuque bill;" the middle class storekeepers, etc., are using it for what it is worth; and it is playing havoc with the working class.

ing capitalist papers have editorially commented thereon. So much so that at this year's session of the "great and general court" those who were beneficiaries under the bill sought to strengthen it and make it more inclusive.

Debitism and Dubuqueism.

While the session was still young, Mr. James F. Carey, on Feb. 1, introduced a bill which was intended as an amendment to it. His amendment sought to exempt the sum of \$10—from the operation of the law the amendment was killed in the House by a vote of 69 to 56.

Here was a law which was in direct conflict with article 12, part 1 of the State Constitution. Mr. Carey knew that. And yet, instead of asking for the repeal of the bill in toto, he sought to exhibit his "broadness" by attempting to patch it up, thus leaving the law operative in all its main features.

Cowardice Brings Defeat.

The lesson which it taught to the working class of Haverhill, Mass., and the United States is that there is nothing to be gained by electing men to the halls of legislature who do not stand upon the class conscious platform of the Socialist Labor Party.

Workers of Massachusetts, if you do not want repetitions of the history made by the Dubuque bill, learn well the lesson herein contained:

That ALL LEGISLATION IS CLASS LEGISLATION.

Learn also that your class is the only class which is necessary for the existence of society.

The Charge of the Kangaroos.

[A Parody. Written for THE PEOPLE by Byron Efford, Revere, Mass.]

All into William Street, Up the stairs upward, Night unto midnight— Rushed half a hundred. "Forward, the Kangaroos!" "Crack all the heads ye choose!" Into the streets of doom, Rushed the half hundred.

Keep an eye on your wrapper. See when your subscription expires. Renew in time. It will prevent interruption in the mailing of the paper and facilitate work at the office.

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masterly speech delivered upon the subject of dealing with it very fully by Jules Quiselle, the Socialist member of the French Chamber of Deputies.

"You work, you sweat; the sweat of your groins is transmuted into nickles, dimes and dollars; wealth, in short. Did you ever stop to consider where that wealth goes to, what becomes of it? It is divided into two parts, a large part and a small part.

In the objections to the Kreimer papers by Samuel Clark and others, it is alleged: "That the Socialist-Labor Party of Pennsylvania was organized in or about the year 1891, and since that time has been accustomed to nominate and has nominated candidates for State offices to be voted at the general elections in the State of Pennsylvania in the following manner:

OFFICIAL. NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE—Henry Kuhn, Secretary, 61 Beekman street, N. Y.

McConnell and Schade, Turtle Creek, Pa. November 2. Schulberg and Morgan, Homestead, Pa. Root and Schade, Wilkesburg, Pa.

THE SOCIALIST ALMANAC AND— Treasury of Facts. HISTORY. ECONOMICS. SOCIOLOGY. STATISTICS. Summary of contents: Part I (Historical)—Socialism in Germany, Italy, Spain, Belgium, America and Poland.

Uncle Sam. (Continued from Page 1.) B. J.—Candidly, they would not.

U. S.—Then it was the workers themselves who did that that was necessary to start all their hardships; it is they who mutilated, shot and outraged themselves.

U. S.—(pulls out of his pocket the "Socialist Almanac"; opens it at page 226; holds it with his left hand; and with his right hand seizes B. J. by the back hair and holds B. J.'s nose down on, while he rubs it against the open page)

CONNECTICUT. NEW HAVEN.—Second meeting of the New Haven County Committee.

WISCONSIN. STATE COMMITTEE.—The Wisconsin State Committee has established a permanent agitation fund for the purpose of organizing and agitating in this State.

Trades' & Societies' Calendar. Standing advertisements of Trades Unions and other Societies (not exceeding five lines) will be inserted under this heading hereafter at the rate of \$5.00 per annum.

U. S.—(giving B. J.'s head an extra rub over the page) the "horses" had risen to 55,550; And finally, last year over 82,000 "horses" announced that they would know the reason why before they were landed in Bologna sausage factories.

U. S.—(lets go of his head and hands him the "Almanac")—There; read! Wipe out of your head the cobwebs of false reasoning, and cleanse your heart of the dirt that capitalist education has made to settle down upon it.

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MASSACHUSETTS. BOSTON.—At the last meeting of the City Committee James Stevens, H. A. W. Raasch, secretary, the committee at its first meeting arranged for the fall and evening meetings of Thursday, 26 City Sq., Ward 5; Friday, 27 Sullivan Sq., Ward 4; Saturday, 28 Castle Sq., Ward 1; Monday, 30 Andrews Sq., Ward 15; Tuesday, 31 Ward 2; Wednesday, November 1, Junction, Columbus ave and Tremont st., Ward 18; Thursday, 24, Friday, 24; Friday, 3d, Mattapan, Ward 21.

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