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A. M. SIMONS, Editor.

THE Socialist Vote. UNITED STATES.

Table showing Socialist votes in the United States from 1890 to 1898.

Copies sold last week 12,000.

CHICAGO DAY. Chicago has just been going through a "celebration."

Out in front of Siegel & Cooper's great department store there was a large model of the battle-ship Olympia that attracted much attention.

It was very noticeable that the decorations on the small establishments were conspicuous by their absence.

At last the corner-stone was cut by union labor. Someone evidently was able to "see" Sullivan and his band and make it "all right."

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actively the things with which they work and keep all they produce. So the festival will have paid even if there had not been rich pickings from the country visitors.

A NEW FEATURE. We would call special attention to the series of articles beginning this week entitled "Just a Starter."

This Venezuela affair is a comedy. Four years ago the Central Labor Union went into hysterics of "patriotism" regarding it, and "labor leaders" declared that they were prepared to wade knee-deep in blood to defend the boundary line against British aggression.

As a clincher to the above we would quote Judge Brewer's remarks as reported in the Tribune of October 8th. This gentleman was one of the judges in the case:

Judge Brewer who more than anyone else was regarded as the strongest champion of the Venezuelan cause on the Board of Arbitration, in explaining his award declared that he had been influenced by the fact if today the territory awarded to Great Britain was worth anything at all it was entirely due to English enterprises, capital and industry, much American money being likewise invested there.

The rural visitor who constitutes a large and interesting feature of the "Fall Festival" is disappointing the "leechy peasant man." He sports within the "Court of Honor" and his legs are not to be reached by those outside that charmed locality.

Organized labor in Illinois at its last convention threw "16 to 1" overboard without a dissenting voice.

This is the situation. "Organized labor" speaking through its "leaders," will have nothing to do with "free silver," takes no stock in the anti-trust agitation, and doesn't bother about expansion.

But we socialists do not fool ourselves. They are not "coming our way" just now, but they will later on when jobs get scarcer and they will be compelled to face the only real question, the ownership of the tools of production by all the people, which is the only way to secure jobs when they desire to work.

"If the Boers were in America." That is the title of an editorial in the Chicago Tribune, October 7th, and shows that if the Boers were on this side of the Atlantic they would be safe from British aggression.

True enough! If the Boers were here we would attend to them, as we have attended to California, Cuba and Porto Rico, and we will attend to the rapidly ripening fruit on this side of the Atlantic. We will not allow the greedy Britisher or the hungry German to put their finger in our pie.

Speaking of "morality" in connection with the Transvaal, the German paper "Kreutz Zeitung" lets the capitalist cut out of the bag in the following fashion: (See Chicago Tribune, October 8th.)

The Boers have only themselves to rely upon in a hard fight. The time has irretrievably gone when other countries would have interferred out of sympathy. Morality in politics, as now understood, means that no country should risk its resources or the lives of its people except for its own vital interests, and that all, save under such conditions, should leave to God the adjustment of the affairs of the world.

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SNAP SHOTS BY THE WAYSIDE.

For women only! Do the wages brought home by your husbands purchase as much of the necessities of life as they did one year ago?

The Carnegie company are about to invest \$7,000,000 in new and improved machinery, an operation which means more leisure for skilled workmen.

Who says the United States does not protect its citizens? Ex-president Harrison who has defended the claims of Venezuela before the Arbitration Commission at Paris now finds his "wages" endangered by the revolution which is now in progress in the republic of which he was the spokesman.

What Makes Cheap Wage Slaves Proud of Their Slavery. The following from a fake labor paper, the Chicago Daily Labor World, which has been started to secure "goods for future delivery," should prove interesting reading to those trade-unionists who have even one eye part way open, to say nothing of those who have cut their socialist teeth:

Ita Perkins once said: "Cheap labor is dear labor." "Trades unions enable the producers to earn better wages, which enable them to become better consumers; and as production depends on the power of the masses to consume, it can be safely said that much of the present greatness of this country is due to the trade-union movement, and that an ideal state of civilization and society will be worked out more rapidly and finally through the instrumentality of trades unions."

Now let's look at your statements from another point of view and see if we can find out why "dear labor is cheap." We will not stop to consider your wonderful political economy that would make the laborers lift themselves by their boot-straps but will just simply put out a few simple propositions for consideration.

Now just supposing for a change that the laborers of America should suddenly become possessed of enough intelligence to decide to go to the ballot box and using their political power take possession of the powers of government and then through those powers to take the tools and machines with which they work, and operating them with all the marvelous skill for which the American workers are famous, should keep ALL they produce.

The Polish comrades held an entertainment and ball at their new headquarters at Noble street and Milwaukee avenue. The hall was crowded to the limit of standing room, about 1,000 people being present.

THE POLICE AND ARMY. Only Instruments in the Hands of Capitalism and Harmless in Themselves.

In reading socialist newspapers or listening to socialist speeches one always meets with a spirit of hostility towards the police and army.

Suppose there were not a policeman nor soldier in existence, would we be any nearer to socialism than now? Not a particle. Even in the absence of policemen the socialists could not take possession of the land, the railroads, the factories, the great mills and machine shops and operate them.

Socialists have nothing to fear from so-called militarism and a large standing army. Physical force is powerless to check the growth of socialism.

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Syracuse Election

Every year that passes means that the number of those who must live in these slums, endure these horrors, suffer these indignations, and make these ghastly choices shall be greater.

Socialist Labor Party of Syracuse have put the following ticket in nomination and are making a tremendous effort to roll up a heavy vote.

County Treasurer—George A. Coffin. County Superintendent of Poor—Ephraim Harris.

Members of Assembly—First district, William Baker; Second district, John L. Franz; Third district, John F. Geary; Fourth district, Thomas Crimmins.

Justice Supreme Court—Charles A. Voss. Mayor—Erasmus Pellenz. President of the Common Council—Charles H. Corregan.

Police Justice—Edward R. Markley. School Commissioners—Mrs. M. A. Cowan, Mrs. Elma L. Sander, Emil Schuetler and Otto Koelling.

Supervisors—First ward, Thomas Roosen; Second ward, George Luttinger, jr.; Third ward, Michael J. Lempi; Fourth ward, Charles Birchler; Fifth ward, Charles Neuman; Sixth ward, Henry Zink; Seventh ward, James Bateman; Eighth ward, Frank P. Scott; Tenth ward, Charles Kampf; Eleventh ward, Martin Ryan; Twelfth ward, Willis N. Swift; Thirteenth ward, Fred J. Mowry; Fourteenth ward, Samuel Kielman; Sixteenth ward, Hreman Exler; Eighteenth ward, Gabriel Doctor; Nineteenth ward, Edson J. Stearns.

Must Be Stronger

In order to make it plain to you, for when you have grasped these facts (and we hope they are plain enough to be understood) you will comprehend what socialism really means, and you will begin to see many other things in the light of this knowledge.

For instance you will be able to see that we socialists are not exactly philanthropists overflowing with the milk of human kindness, and that we do not care so much for you as an individual, but as a member of the class to which we all belong.

And you will also find that this applies to all other workmen as well as yourself. And finally you will discover that whatever may be your opinion of "us" as individuals, that socialism is better than "all right," and that in advocating it, you, as well as the entire working class, "have nothing to lose but your chains, and a world to gain."

Keep your eye on our special election offer. Your section should take advantage of it.

Just for a Starter

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dead as to whether the last solemn acts of earth shall be performed as the heart yearns to have them done or whether all that remains of that form that once was more than life to us shall be taken away by the "county" to be the prey of the dissecting room.

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Socialist Labor Party of the United States.

PLATFORM.

The Socialist Labor Party of the United States, in convention assembled, re-asserts the inalienable rights of all men to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. With the founders of the American republic we hold that the purpose of government is to secure every citizen in the enjoyment of these rights...

Immediate Demands.

- 1. Reduction of the hours of labor in proportion to the progress of production.
2. The United States shall obtain possession of the railroads, canals, telegraphs, telephones and all other means of public transportation and communication...

EIGHTH GRAND ANNUAL FESTIVAL

Consisting of CONCERT AND BALL. Socialist Sangerbund. Sunday, October 22, 1899. BRAND'S HALL, corner Clark and Erie streets.

With the Assistance of the Chicago Singing Societies belonging to the Socialist Sangerbund of the Northwest. TICKETS 15c IN ADVANCE. ADMISSION AT DOOR 25c

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PHILADELPHIA. PHILADELPHIA SECTION meets second Sunday each month at 5 p. m. 6th and Brown, Labor Lyceum, entrance at Randolph.

PATENTS Obtained by Thomas J. Morgan & Julius Rubenstein, LAWYERS. We are engaged in The General Practice of Law...

ENTERTAINMENT AND BALL Arranged by Section Milwaukee, S. L. P. Assisted by "Socialist Liedertafel". Sunday, Oct. 15th at 3 p. m. at BOHEMIAN TURNER HALL.

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employment, and particularly through the efforts of a few of their number who can be trained to work among their fellow employees. The second division is made up of many millions of women dependent on wage slaves, women of the double yoke. The women of this class whose husbands, brothers or fathers are socialists must be reached through the newspaper, the lecture, and house-to-house visits.

Myra H. Strawn.

Freedom of Labor

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allevents, they have established certain institutions and are maintaining other institutions which have in them the germ of the system. The government in all these states has established and maintains the common schools, and the whole trend of public sentiment is toward increasing the efficiency of these schools and placing every possible advantage of education within the reach of every child in the country.

"I have no doubt that such a change would affect private fortunes. It would make great fortunes impossible. It would cut off the supply. But even if it were done, as in the case of slavery, without any attempt to compensate the present possessors—ownership at present is an improper word to apply to these things in private hands—there would be no confiscation. Such a step would have no relation to confiscation. It would be simply the transfer of property to the rightful owners.

"In the hands of the working class in this country is the destiny of the whole nation. They have the power to do whatever they want to. They are the majority, and their number grows daily larger. Neither can they justly complain that nothing has been done to enlighten them. The public school system of this country is as free to them as to the richest among us. They have public libraries. They have the press, the magazines, lectures, literature without limit. They have the franchise. They seem to have everything except common sense. With that class all others rise or fall. The emancipation of all classes is involved in the destruction of capitalism. The freedom of all men is gained when the freedom of the working class is secured. But that freedom can be secured and that emancipation achieved only when

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