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WHAT THE VOTE SHOWS.

As an evidence that Socialists build their hopes of social success on a sound philosophical basis it is becoming apparent that the first estimate of our vote made by the Socialists themselves, on the first returns was far too small. The experienced, clear-headed Socialist depends so much more on a firm, intelligent, revolutionary organization than he does on a mere aggregation of well-meaning votes, than an expression of satisfaction has been heard from all over the country, with even a much smaller vote than was anticipated.

But there is one fact about the Socialist vote this fall that is extremely interesting from the standpoint of a true revolutionary movement, and that is the discovery that the Socialist vote has increased in small towns and agricultural communities, and decreased in cities and large industrial centers. This result is in direct opposition to the scientific analysis of the tendency of the social evolution to Socialism. It is in industrial centers that the co-operative process of production is in full swing, and all that is lacking in the system is co-operative distribution.

What then is the meaning of the falling off of the Socialist vote in these centers and its increase, where the industrial system is still in an undeveloped stage? The result unmistakably shows a wide spreading of the sort of propaganda that attracts the man not yet caught in the whirl of the vast industry, and an absence of the sort of propaganda that makes the factory slave feel that there is hope for him.

In France, the traditional storm-center of revolution, the revolutionists in Paris always strove to inform and line up the country districts, the peasants being always in a sufficiently miserable condition; they knew they must break down the slow provincial conservatism in order to support the revolution in Paris.

But the air seems vibrant with indications that the Socialists are already realizing what is wanted and the indications are that this year will not witness the ordinary relapse after an

election. Moreover it begins to look as though the first underestimation of the vote had been great, and that when all the returns are in we may yet reach 750,000.

PLUTOCRATIC ARGUMENT.

"Good for one drink at Becker's". That is the legend that a certain "Jimmy Clark" bore on his campaign cards in Nevada. Mr. Jimmy was running as the democratic candidate for assemblyman from Washoe county, and this was his method of catching votes in Sparks and Reno. It is the only argument that the defender of a capitalist program has with which to entice working men.

THE HISTORY OF HUMAN ACHIEVEMENT.

The Original Source Documents that the Montana News, through the enterprise of Manager Harrack, is offering to its readers as a prize in its great subscription contest, is one of those wonderful works of human achievement that mark a milestone in the intellectual attainments of the race.

It was indeed a fortunate circumstance that enabled the News to offer this rare opportunity to obtain one of the world's greatest sources of information. We print on our front page Comrade A. M. Simons' elaborate and exhaustive review, that he made in the Daily Socialist at the time when that paper was offering the books to its readers.

NEW SOCIALIST JOURNAL.

A new Socialist magazine, entitled "The Progressive Journal of Education", was added in November to the large and growing number already published in the United States. Peyton Boswell is the editor, and the journal is published at 159 Washington St., Chicago. The first number starts out with a capable list of contributors: Prof. Charles F. Dight, Prof. Benjamin Grunenberg, Prof. S. D. Ebersole, A. M. Simons, May Wood Simons, Arthur M. Lewis, Charles Lapworth, and others.

SMITE THE EMPEROR.

The emperor is being handed his'n by the German people, press, reichstag, ministers and popular opinion. They are telling him not to talk; they are talking of "treason". Whence this large and universal revolt in what may be called the psychological attitude? It is the culmination of the breath of freedom that has blown against the ears of the German people from the Socialists for fifty years.

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MONTANA NEWS P. O. BOX 908 HELENA, MONTANA DAILY PAPER TO BE STARTED BY OKLAHOMA SOCIALISTS. Encouraged by the enormous growth of the Socialist vote, which will show on the official count a total of almost 25,000 for the State, there is on foot a movement to establish in Oklahoma City a Socialist daily newspaper that will furnish the best and largest foreign, domestic and local news service of any newspaper in the Southwest.

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only here but throughout the empire. Many factories were closed down and thousands of citizens have been subsisting for months on the trade unions' relief funds. They and their friends, during the winter, however, will to a large extent rely on public relief, and the question how to meet their necessities is now facing the city governments all over the country.

IS THE HOME DISAPPEARING. One woman in five in the United States has abandoned the domestic life and has become a wage earner. Even this does not accurately state the situation. In country districts only two women out of every eleven are at work, but in cities—that is, wherever industrial opportunities are present, two women out of every seven are at work, nearly one-third of the total woman population.

GERMANY'S VAST UNEMPLOYED Berlin—An extensive census of the unemployed was taken November 17 to enable the municipal authorities to determine how much of an out-of-work problem will confront them this winter. It is feared the total will reach an unprecedented proportion not

"Don't Be a Socialist"

Unless you know WHY you are one. The cause of Socialism has been tremendously injured and retarded by the ignorance of those who talk and write about it without a proper understanding of its principles.

VICTOR L. BERGER SAYS:

"Socialists are coming to understand that there is no subject which is not necessary in the Socialist movement. As our work becomes more constructive, as our opportunities widen and new responsibilities are laid upon us, it becomes daily clearer that the conscientious and thoughtful Socialist that no department of human activity is foreign to him. It is at the same time imperative to learn how everything developed and is still developing and changing into a better system."

In order that the Truth Seeker may rid himself of the accumulation of rubbish, for the past ten years a corps of 125 unbiased research specialists of Europe and America have been searching the archives and libraries, collecting, translating and classifying the great original documents underlying six thousand years of civilization.

"THE LIBRARY OF ORIGINAL SOURCES"

A WORK NOT FOR "SCHOLARS" BUT FOR THINKERS, THE TOILERS, THE PRODUCERS WHO ARE BEGINNING TO BE DIS-ENTHRALLED AND THINK FOR THEMSELVES.

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GO TO THE SOURCES See the "Book of the Dead", the "Upanishads", the "Vedic Hymns", "The Laws of Manu", the documents written at the time of Abraham, the original writings of Zoroaster, Confucius, Herodotus, Thales, Pythagoras, Xenon, Pliny, the "Twelve Tables" of Rome, Cicero's "Principles", "Epictetus", "Discourses", Aurelius' "Thoughts", Machiavelli's "The Prince", Columbus' "Journal", Cortez' famous account of Aztec civilization, the "Twelve Articles of the Peasants" (the only English translation accessible so far as we know), Marx's "Manifesto", Engels' "Scientific Socialism", the "Petition of Right", "Magna Charta", Locke's "The Basis of Property is Labor", the original contributions of Darwin, Haeckel, Spencer, Wislizenus, Huxley, and thousands of other documents.

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