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## The Socialist Vote.

Table with 3 columns: Year, Socialist Vote, Total Vote. Rows for years 1890-1898.

Copies sold last week 3,521.

## SOCIALISM AND GOVERNMENT.

One of the most common objections made against socialism is that it proposes a governmental tyranny.

For this objection a certain class of so-called socialists are largely to blame. To many who have appropriated this name the co-operative commonwealth is simply a great big post office.

socialist really proposes as the first step the conquest of all the powers of social control, including the government.

There being no condition of wage slavery with its consequent evil conditions to maintain by law, no "rights of property" to protect, no stolen opportunities from which starying people must be driven away, no compulsory suffering to hound people on to crime.

There will be no great, pitiless machine that shall say to this one go there and that one stay here, but simply an organization to provide opportunities for the exercise of human capabilities.

The horribil spectre of a great governmental machine which shall make us all but cogs to further its working, is a figment of the imagination.

## SOCIAL SETTLEMENTS.

The position of the social settlement conference, held recently in this city, with regard to the privacy of its affairs, was significant.

However, we can assure the settlement residents that they need not fear any knowledge of their actions getting to the laborers.

fact that if its residents would make a little more effort, they might learn something about the real situation among the workers.

## OUTDOOR MEETINGS.

By far the most effective agitation that is carried on in Chicago is that of street speaking.

The party is put to no expense. It affords an easy way to train speakers and test their ability at the same time.

If you take hold of this work in the right way and push it you will soon see the membership of your section increasing, the subscription list of your party press growing larger.

The following clipping from the foreign correspondence of the Chicago Record gives some idea of what our comrades in Russia are undergoing.

"I have just received from a correspondent at St. Petersburg, a Russian business, who is far from being in sympathy with the absolute regime.

Russell Sage has also joined the chorus of opposition to "over-education" of the laborers.

Notwithstanding prosperity George Pooley, of 126 Wells street, attempted suicide in Lincoln Park this week.

## SNAP SHOTS BY THE WAYSIDE.

Another advance of wages has been made to the unskilled laborers in the South Chicago steel mills.

A lesson for the working class. The commercial interests of our local Board of Trade grain manipulators being severely injured by the Buffalo strike.

We observe that the garbage picking scheme, which is the latest expression of Salvation Army "philanthropy"

It is reported that Andrew Carnegie has fled to the Scottish highlands to escape the importunities of the begging letter writers.

Andrew is perfectly correct in turning a deaf ear to these literary nuisances. If they desire wealth why not imitate his example and skin the working class.

The papers are full of it. Everywhere the note of discontent is rising. In absolute Russia as in free America.

The meeting of the Chicago Federation of Labor on last Sunday presents some interesting facts for the workers to ponder over.

Labor fakirism was well illustrated in the speech of Jas. H. Payne.

"Talk about freedom in this country. There is no freedom. I have been a conservative trade unionist as any man."

What do these remarks mean? Is it a call to the working class to vote themselves into power?

Circulation of Workers' Call last week 3,445. What part have you played in this increase?

The Commonwealth of Columbus, Ohio, which has been preaching a sort of mongrel "reformism" and claiming affiliation with the S. L. P.

## ST. LOUIS

### Situation in the Coal Region.

St. Louis, May 21.—Perhaps it would interest the readers of The Workers' Call to hear how the S. L. P. movement is progressing in St. Clair and Madison counties.

The Labor Fakir is very much in evidence in these parts, and they are doing all they can to prevent the miners from attending socialist meetings.

Upon reading the above the question that naturally arises is: "Have you seen any Debsonianics?"

"Comrades of Illinois! It rests with you whether the S. L. P. shall become an officially recognized party in 1900 or not."

St. Louis, Mo.

## Collinsville.

Comrade Frank Sayer reports that while the Section is not increasing so fast in numbers, its members are all clear, class-conscious socialists.

The Class Struggle reports that the strikers at Coeur d'Alene and Gardner, Col., have voted to endorse the Socialist Labor Party.

## Book Reviews.

AHEAD OF THE HOUNDS, by Lydia Platt Richards, published by Chas. H. Kerr & Co., 50 cents.

Society, having created this great body of homeless wanderers, used in turn every form of civilized cruelty in her treatment of them.

The result of the infamous system of black listing is personified by the author. Having engaged in a sympathetic strike, the victim is thereafter blacklisted, hunted from one bit of work to another.

The best philosophy of society in the book is put in the mouths of some one "of the great roving multitude known to the public as the unemployed."

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Ten thousand subscribers in the next three months. That is what we want. That is what you need.

In the first place if you want to always have your pockets full of first class socialist literature we are willing to help you by sending you four copies of the Workers' Call to one address.

Finally, for the next few weeks at least, we will send bundles of 100 or more to one address at 50 cents a hundred.

Finally we would call the attention of those who are not at present subscribers to our offer of the "Pocket Library of Socialism."

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This is the last number that will be sent as a sample copy to those who were not subscribers to that paper.



