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Dr. H. K. Braisted, of Delta, Colorado, won the ten acre farm for the week ending Jan. 4, 1901—100 yearlies.

It is self-evident that those who believe in Socialism today must be the ones who will bring about the institution of the Co-operative Commonwealth.

Consider then, if you please, the fact that today there are 8,000 doctors in this country who are against Socialism because they do not understand it.

Your contribution should come without delay, for delayed propaganda means a delayed realization of the Socialist ideal.

Your part in this fight cannot be taken by any one else. Don't try to shirk it by the sophistry that others will do it if you do not.

The Appeal didn't hold the world's record for the largest single edition ever put out very long.

Ex-Mayor Hewitt, of New York, says the rich must do more for the poor. The trouble has been that the rich have been "doing" the poor too much.

CAUGHT! Employees Will Destroy Socialism--Nit.

St. Joseph, Mo., Dec. 24.—(Associated Press.)—Postoffice inspectors have been diligently, but secretly, at work for two weeks probing irregularities here, and yesterday suspended three of the oldest clerks in the service on a charge of destroying mail matter.

But when, in the same day's news we read that practically the whole city of Indianapolis stands mute under the accusation of habitual theft from a gas company we may be inclined to ask if the spirit of Socialism, and of the extremist sort of Socialism, is not making considerable headway in America.

On the contrary, my dearly beloved idolator, these thieves are all republicans and democrats. The recent vote of Indianapolis shows that. It shows what kind of people are not Socialists.

I notice that six of the great accident insurance companies have tired of competing with each other and paying out a large part of their receipts in hiring men and women to tear down each other, and have combined—have gone into one company.

Rev. John Irvine, pastor of the Anglican church, St. Michaels, British Columbia, shook hands with a workman on a street car, and then offered his hand to a fashionable lady which was refused.

Please do not forget that the state which subscribes the most to the doctor's fund by the time it reaches \$2,000, gets the entire list of 8,000 yearlies, sent to the doctors in that state.

If a Vanderbilt or a Rockefeller is entitled to the millions they scoop in every year, and the working man is entitled to his dollar a day, what an idiot the working man must be when compared to a Vanderbilt!

Will I Print It? A TYPE-SETTING machine has been placed in the Appeal office which does the work of from four to six men.

Sure I will print it, just to show how ignorant some of the voters who support capitalism are of Socialism. Socialists are in favor of the most improved machines, while such minds as penned the above to me are evidently opposed to progress.

The individual hoe-maker has disappeared. The individual wagon-maker has disappeared.

The individual watchmaker has disappeared. In fact individualism in production has almost entirely disappeared, the workers being only parts of machines and having nothing to do with the products or their price when they have done their work.

The laborers of this nation, and all other nations, in this century and all other centuries, feed themselves and the rich, clothe themselves and the rich, house themselves and the rich, and furnish all the servants and luxury and finery for the rich.

They go in patches and rag and live in shanties or three or four room "cottages," or in dingy halls in big buildings, and imagine

they have all the rights and privileges they are entitled to! Never were more degraded slaves than the millions of hard working people at the opening of the twentieth century—mental slaves to a colossal lie.

During the past year there have been quite a number of small weekly Socialist papers started, some of which have failed and all of them are having a hard time to live.

The sultan of Turkey has placed an order for war material with German firms. This is an outrage on American commerce that demands war, and if there is any patriotism left in the millionaires they will at once have their congress declare war on Turkey for offending the pride of the American manufacturers.

Under a system in which all could have plenty they tell me there would be no incentive to work. A tenant who gets all the crop would have no incentive—he must give some rent lord half he raises for an incentive!

Evidence from the Other Side. THERE are many well-meaning people who will not believe any statement or consider any conclusion deduced from facts unless it comes from those who uphold their special religious creed or politics.

The change in the character of the rural population in this section is bound to strengthen the conviction in every thoughtful mind that the growth of class distinctions will be among the leading features of the future.

In the issue of December 1st, of the same journal, it has a two-page article on "The enormous influence of railroads in keeping coal at excessive prices, leaving the world at the mercy of a few men."

In the print owned and directed by the rich it is asserted that, "the chance for a young man is as good to-day as any time in the past," and instance the many men who have risen from poverty to wealth as proof.

The dangerous classes in this country are not the ignorant wretches whom poverty and dependence have made docile, as the hiring press asserts, but the great thieves and robbers who are plundering the people of their wealth through infamous laws purchased of venal and ignorant representatives of the people.

As a kind of funny thing, the Omaha Bee remarked the other day that "Six men digged \$350,000,000 out of Wall street last year—and yet some people will go to Klondyke."





ECHOES Along the Way.

MOVEMENT is on foot among the people of Kansas City to rescue the street Arabs. There are, so the Kansas City papers state, a large number of boys who roam the streets, a prey to all the evil influences of a city.



Then why are these boys not permitted to enjoy them? We are told that these opportunities are open to them, but that they will not accept of them. Is this so? Then the efforts of these people who propose to establish a home near Kansas City where the boys can be taken and given the advantages of an education under pleasant surroundings, under which they are expected to develop as good citizens, will be absolutely useless.

First: That there exists in our cities a large number of boys and girls, who through death, shiftlessness or other cause on the part of parents, are thrown upon the streets to fight the battle of life alone. Fact number two: That the per cent of criminals from this class of children as they grow older is very large. Fact three: That the efforts to redeem these little waifs have been more or less successful, but that the number given healthful advantages has been so small compared to the number at large, that the results have scarcely been apparent.

In view of these facts, the logical conclusion of the problem is that the public should provide for these children, giving them every advantage that the wealth of a nation can afford—and it is unlimited. This solution is rapidly forcing itself upon all thinking men and women.

The Chicago and Northwestern railroad, according to the Chicago Tribune, has decided to pension its old employees. After an employe has reached the age of 65 who has been employed by the company for 30 years, he will be entitled to the munificent sum of three cents per day! What an incentive!

The asphalt trust is having trouble with a small competitor. It seems the small competitor secured some valuable concessions in Venezuela. The United States was requested by the asphalt trust to send a war vessel to that country and support the claims of the trust. As the trust contributed largely to the campaign fund which put the present party in power in this country, the request was graciously complied with, and the historic Hartford is now cruising in the neighborhood of the Venezuelan coast at the command of the trust representatives.

An Associated Press dispatch from San Francisco says "two negroes made a bold dash for LIBERTY, and notwithstanding the police and others who pursued them, they made their escape." Why were the negroes running? Had they committed any crime? The dispatch adds, by way of explanation, that the negroes were being taken by an overseer to the Hawaiian Islands to work on the sugar plantations. One would think, to read the item, that slavery still existed in this country, but nothing could be farther from the truth. The negroes were not slaves—they were simply ignorant working people who were trying to get away from the job which some worthy philanthropist wanted to give to them. Ungrateful idiots!

The Outlook recently asked a number of the foremost literary men of the times to select ten books which they thought exerted the greatest influence over the people during the nineteenth century. Of the books selected it is noticeable that those of a decided revolutionary character predominated—books that assailed existing standards and ideas, and in their place set up new and unheard of theories. Darwin, Spencer, Karl Marx, Hugo, Harriet Beecher Stowe, Ruskin and Carlyle are the names of the authors that predominated in the lists. These men cared nothing for existing standards—but wrote the truth as it appeared to them. "Tis true that their ideas were not accepted by their own generation, but succeeding generations have accorded them the honor they so richly deserved.

"A Subscriber" calls the Omaha World-Herald to account for its indiscriminate use of the words Socialism and anarchy, and points out the error. That is right; don't let any guilty editor escape. When he commences the discussion of Socialism, call him strictly to account when he gets off the right track, and let him know that all his readers are not party-blind ignoramuses. By making life a burden to him when he gets in deep water will force him to study the principles of Socialism. "Publicity" is what Socialism courts.

Ex-President Harrison has brought upon his head the displeasure of the Hanna-McKinley outfit. The ex-president, it seems, expressed an opinion not in accord with the made-to-order ideas of the present administration. The ex-ideal of the republican party should remember that opinions are dangerous things.

The Chattanooga Electric railroad company is mad at the Daily News of that city. The News suggested the advisability of allowing a competitive line a right-of-way. The railway company at once withdrew all the "courtesies," free transportation, etc., usually extended to newspapers. They are called "courtesies," but in reality, they are bribes, in-

tended to hold the newspapers in bondage to the railway company. When a newspaper with a little backbone says something to which the railroad company takes offense, lo and behold, the editor has his passes withdrawn. The pass business is the biggest bribery game played in the United States. Should the railroads for one year withdraw these "courtesies" from the newspaper fraternity, there would be such a howl for the government ownership of railroads that it would have to be heeded.

A friend of the Appeal sends us a communication signed "Worker." He feels aggrieved because an item was printed in this paper giving an account of the deplorable conditions under which little children are compelled to labor in the Southern cotton factories. He says he hopes the Appeal will not exaggerate the matter, and adds that things are not so bad as they have been painted. For instance, he says "the wages of little children between eight and 12 years, are from twenty to thirty cents per day; they get nothing till trained." The Appeal could say nothing more severe than that in condemning the system of child labor in the South. Think of little children working long hours for such a pittance, after having served an apprenticeship! Can children raised under such conditions develop into useful citizens, such as you and I would have our children become? Can you not read in the above sentence an indictment of sufficient force to damn the whole infernal system? It may be true that the conditions in the South are better than at other points, but the industrial development of the South is of comparatively recent origin, and hasn't reached that stage which characterizes older communities. There were a great many people who supported chattel slavery on the ground that it "wasn't so bad as it might be." The Appeal is fighting the wage system, and it will never haul down its flag until it is abolished.

Vincent Lorneagan, a telegraph operator, recently quit the service of the Santa Fe railway company. He secured employment with the Western Union at Topeka. The Santa Fe manager heard of it and requested the manager of the Western Union to bounce him, because he, Lorneagan, had struck while employed by the Santa Fe people. The Western Union manager promptly complied with the request. Thus we see another result of the beautiful competitive system under which men live in peace and happiness. Men can quit work whenever they want to, and go to work too—whenever the other fellow is willing.

The century ball at Kansas City was the society event of the new century. It was a brilliant affair, according to the Kansas City papers. The decorations were superb; the ladies lovely and their costumes gorgeous. And as they danced the old century out and the new one in, the change was welcomed by glad shouts of revelry. Of course the working people of the city were represented in the great social fete. They were there in large numbers, and they no doubt enjoyed the event hugely, as you will notice by the following extract from the Journal the morning following:

"Yesterday afternoon there were a dozen gangs of workmen busy about the place. Inside and out they were at it. Everything, however, conspired to further the progress of preparations. Superintendent of Streets Pendergast had a big force of men cleaning up outside, getting the snow away in carts and sweeping the asphalt till it was polished. In the interior Chief Hale had a fire crew ready for an emergency and able to cope with anything that could possibly create alarm. Electrician Morgan was there with some thirty men looking for 'dead' lamps. Smiths were hanging great steel bars on which were to be struck the chimes, and while this was going on squads were wiping off the dancing floor with moist cloths, and after them came the waxers and polishers."

"Abolish the army canteen and you will make it impossible to secure recruits to the United States Army." This is the language which the Kansas City Journal attributes to Secretary Root, in his defense of the army saloon. What a glorious twentieth century tribute to the boys in blue. This shows what the masters think of the boys who put up their lives that the merry game of commerce may go on uninterrupted.

The forthcoming annual report of the state auditor of Ohio, will show, so says a dispatch from Columbus, Ohio, that the local indebtedness of the counties of that state has increased over two million dollars during the past year. This is an indication of progress (?) The bonds, mortgages and other evidences of debt are held by the working classes, which will force the capitalists, of course, to put up the interest on the same. This will be so much clear gain for the workers, and that much of a loss for the capitalists (?) Great is the workings of the competitive system!

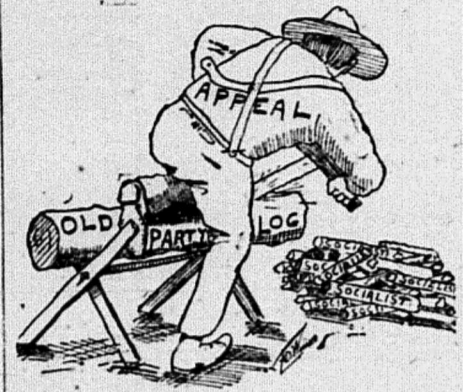
Another prosperity item culled from Dun's commercial report: "Failures for 1900 numbered 10,630, as against 9,393 for the preceding year, with an increase of \$14,600,000 in liabilities." This is a good showing—for somebody—although just who, is not apparent at this writing. These failures were largely among the smaller merchants—the "bone and sinew" of the commercial system. The trade they controlled has drifted into the hands of the big concerns. 'Tis simply another straw which shows the trend of events. The public will not realize the tendency of affairs until the big panic due in a short time, makes its appearance. This is what Mr. Dun says regarding the matter: "It must not be forgotten that 1899 was a year of exceptional prosperity in business, and while trade was then stimulated by raising prices, the succeeding year had to BEAR THE FRUIT OF REACTION." Prosperity, so-called, is always followed by just such a period. Yet in view of these facts the great mass of people still persist in clinging to the decaying system of competition, which alone is responsible.

The gang will be pleased to learn that Papa Zimmerman has liquidated all of the Duke of Manchester's English indebtedness, and that the young man can now start life anew. It took 130,000 good American dollars to turn the trick, but the boys who sweat at a "dollar-ten a day" on Papa Zimmerman's railroad will not mind a little sum like that.

The rumor that Rockefeller will embark in the daily newspaper business is an interesting bit of news. It illustrates the development of journalism. A few years ago a young man with energy and talent as his capital, could establish a newspaper and make a howling success of it, from a financial standpoint. Today to embark in journalism requires money and a mint of it. The present newspaper successes in the great cities were started years ago by men without capital, in many instances the editor assisted in the mechanical work, doing so from sheer necessity. Today the newspaper field is controlled almost as exclusively by capitalists as is the oil and other

fields of industry. One by one the opportunities for young men are being closed, and in closing them, the capitalist class is undermining the foundation of the existing system of competition, under which it has for so long flourished.

F. D. W.



TEN ACRES FREE

The Appeal gives ten acres of ground each week to the worker who sends in the largest club during the week. The purchase of yearly postal cards count on this offer. The land lies in a solid body of 320 acres, and is twelve miles from West Plains, Mo., four miles from the K. C., Ft. S. & M. railroad, and a postoffice and school a little over one mile distant. It is in the heart of the great fruit and vegetable district of southern Missouri, and on the edge of the famous zinc and lead district of northern Arkansas. The climate is mild and healthy and the water good. It lies at the foothills of the Ozark mountains. A number of ten-acre tracts out of this 320 acres have been given away, and the practice will continue each week until they are all gone. It's a good opportunity to get the ground for a home with a little effort. The one who sends in the largest list of yearly subscribers during any one week, gets a deed to ten acres of it. The purchase of yearly postals count just the same as if they were yearlies sent in.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE DOCTOR'S FUND.

Table listing contributions from various states including Arizona, Michigan, Arkansas, Mississippi, California, Missouri, Florida, Montana, Illinois, Nebraska, New Jersey, New York, Indiana, Ohio, Iowa, Wisconsin, Kansas, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Texas, Kentucky, Virginia, Massachusetts, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Canada, and others.

OFFICIAL VOTE

Table showing official votes for Prohibition, Socialist Vote, and People's Party across various states like California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin, Wyoming, and Total.

The Appeal has in press a book written by O. D. Jones, of Edina, Mo., which promises to be a valuable addition to sociological literature. It not only deals with present-day problems in a lucid and comprehensive manner, but outlines a plan for carrying on propaganda work, which will prove effective in reaching many people heretofore untouched by Socialist literature. Watch for further announcement of the book and plans.

But a few more copies of the present edition of "Trusts" on hand. Order now if you want a supply. Fifty copies, 75 cents.

Appeal Army

The Appeal reserve fund is now \$209.96. This fund is increased from the profits of book sales, which are laid aside to build up the fund. You can swell it by purchasing books.

Bundle of ten one year, \$2. Twelve scalps from Comrade Blenler, of Pinole, Cal. Ten scalps from Comrade Sprungen, of Clifford, N. D. The Appeal gang of jaspers is making the fur fly these days. Club of eight yearlies from Comrade Lough, of Farmersville, Texas. Comrade Glover, of Benicia, Cal., lifts the list with a bunch of 14. Comrade Foley, of South Lake Linden, Mich., takes 100 copies of "Trusts" at \$1.50. Comrade Davis, of Renton, Wash., takes a bunch of 20 of those yearly postals at \$3. Dr. Von Laekum, of Omaha, Neb., prescribes the Appeal for eight of his economic patients. Since the Appeal stopped going to the editors, a great many of them are subscribing. Comrade Busch of O'Neill, Neb., plants an order for 17 books that cannot fail to do good. Comrade McMahon, of Butte, Mont., got to the front with a club of 100 yearlies the other day. Comrade Odegaard, of Elkhart, B. C., comes back at us with a renewal of his bundle of five for a year. Comrade Hatch, of Portland, Ore., gets to the bat with a club of 15 yearlies. Oregon refuses to get left. Every Socialist who desires to see the movement pushed forward rapidly, should get in on the physician's fund. Watch the label on your paper. When the number on the label and on the paper are both the same, your time is out. Comrade Strohl remembers the Appeal with a bunch of nine scalps from Pottstown, Pa. He is one of our steady workers. Those ten-acre farms in South Missouri are a good basis for a home. One each week to the man who sends in the largest number of subscribers during the week. Comrade Scott, of Grandview, Tex., found three Filipinos suffering from wounds inflicted by the competitive system and prescribed the Appeal in weekly doses for one year. Comrade Loy, of Kitchikan, Alaska, sends in for a year, and says there are many Socialists in Alaska. Of course—they are everywhere, all over the world. It's the coming system. Comrade Richards, of Berier, Mo., covered a New Year's meeting in his town with 100 "Why Workingmen Should Be Socialists," 100 "Trusts," and 100 "Society of the Future." That's a lot of help; never overlook a bet. Comrade Bichon, of Houston, Texas, renews for another year. Notice the number on your label, and when it is the same as the number on the paper, it's your turn to shine. Comrade Paul Pierce, of Chicago, must be an original kuss. He took a visiting card, wrote an order ten "Merrie Englands," wrapped a dollar bill around it for an envelope, addressed it to the Appeal, and let 'er go. It came through all right. Comrade Andrews, of St. Louis, Mo., springs an order for 39 books on us, but we called his hand and got them out in the next mail. We would like to see some one floor us with an order for Socialist books. Comrade Wiltshire, of Los Angeles, Cal., has established a Socialist weekly, named the "Challenge," at Los Angeles, Cal. Wiltshire is one of the Appeal's best friends, and I wish him abundant success in the thorny field of Socialist journalism. The "Challenge" is 50 cents per year. "Why Railroad Men Should Be Socialists," is just the thing to hand to station, section and train men. Written by a railroader, in railroad talk—hence, not much good for any except the special class it was written for. For them, it is just the thing. Ten copies, 10 cents. Got a club of five from the secretary of a large New York corporation the other day, trimmed with an order for 37 copies of Stockwell's "Bad Boy." The army editor is inclined to think that this plute is in favor of dividing up with the working mule, who voted for the fool dinner pail a little while back. Dr. C. H. Barbour, who is selling physicians' supplies on the road in the New England states, not only takes the subscription of every doctor he can, but also inveigles them into getting up clubs of their own. Dr. Barbour is a sort of traveling trainer of Appeal canvassers, at it were. Comrade Swenson, who runs a cattle ranch at Caddo, Texas, got to the bat with a club of 20 yearlies. The army editor would think that Swenson would be afraid to do that—the government might take his ranch away from him if the Socialists get in power. But somehow, the gang don't seem to be afraid of that. The gun hadn't got straightened out from the recoil caused by firing a big book order to Comrade Feisst, of the People's drug store, before he gets in again with an order for 200 more books. The gun groaned a little and probably wishes that Feisst would fall into the Rio Grande. (Note, by the Sporting editor—There is no water in the Rio Grande at this time of year.) Let's all join in and make 1901 the great year. Each one doing something every week is the way to do it. A few subscribers or a book order from each one means a total of tons of literature going out every week, to be read and re-read as long as the paper lasts. It's the best and cheapest way to convert, and we cannot have the co-operative commonwealth until we have a public desire for it. Comrade Hibbard, of Reno, Nev., run up against one of his unexpected converts recently distributing Appeals from door to door to become enveloped in a gob of thought from defiance and a bunch of 10 scalps and some book orders. Hibbard is one of old guard—been with us for years. He runs a store, and his lists consists principally if not wholly of drummers. The political editor thinks that Hibbard declines to allow them to show their samples until they have subscribed for the Appeal.

A BUNCH OF BOOKS. For propaganda purposes we will send you for 50 cents, 50 copies of "Wanted—A New Conscience." Just the thing for free distribution or to enclose in letters.

Advertisements for various products and services including 'Herba Dyspepsia Cure', 'RUBBER STAMPS', 'THE CHALLENGE', 'REMINGTON and DENSMORE TYPEWRITERS', and 'Social Democratic Party'.

Advertisements for 'Father McGrady', 'Books, keen-edged with wisdom.', 'Five Cent Books', 'Ten Cent Books', 'Fifteen Cent Books', and 'Twenty-five Cent Books', listing various titles and prices.