

HOW IT GROWS!

First week in April, 1906... 177,188
Third week in Oct., 1907... 300,000
Third week in Oct., 1908 357,899

There is not the least reason to be alarmed over the slight loss in the Appeal's subscription report this week. Kindly remember that in the last two months the list has jumped from 315,000 to 360,000. Much of this gain was due to short-time subscriptions and campaign bundles, as I have explained in this column repeatedly.

Table with 3 columns: State, Off, On, Total. Lists subscription data for various states including California, Oklahoma, Texas, Ohio, Pennsylvania, etc.

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The demand for this now justly celebrated issue of the Appeal continues unabated. We have had some difficulty in supplying your order because of the time necessary to print our regular editions. Every effort has been made to get these papers out promptly and if your order fails to reach you in time for service before election your money will be promptly returned or other literature sent in its stead.

U. S. TREASURY REPORT.

Receipts from June 1 to Oct. 21, 1908, \$178,979,783
Expenditures (from June 1 to Oct. 21) \$178,286,479

It is now but a few days until the election and the g. o. p. deficit clings doggedly in the wake of the treasury report. I might say in this connection that, as Socialists, we have absolutely no interest one way or the other in this matter.

Socialist Fairy Stories

Getting 'The Wish'
I certain Toller, who was out of work and discouraged, one day sat on a broken chair in the shade of his hut, smoking a pipe and bemoaning his fate.

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THE SOCIALIST PLATFORM

Adopted at Chicago, May 10, 1908.
The Socialist party, in national convention assembled, in entering upon the campaign of 1908, again presents itself to the people as the champion of the oppressed.

1. The collective ownership of railroads, telegraph and telephone lines, steamships, and all other means of transportation and communication, and all lands.
2. The improvement of the industrial condition of the workers by all industries which are organized on a national scale and in which competition has virtually ceased to exist.

Republicanism and the Schools.

The public school system of the several states is the bulwark of the American republic; and, with a view to its security and permanence, we recommend an amendment to the constitution of the United States, forbidding the application of any public funds or property for the benefit of any schools or institutions under sectarian control.

Capitalism is the enemy of virtue. Its first motive is exploitation or theft. It has ruined millions in slum life and trampdom and prostitution. It has made what passes for morals a laughing stock.

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Said by Debs

Machinery is to civilize the world in spite of itself.
Political progress is to be a terrific pace from now on.
The new order will give the superior man greater opportunities than he has today.

There never was a movement for reform that did not have its beginning among the lower classes, among the oppressed.
All great movements have in their inception been marked by those of those taking part in them, because they have their start among the undesirable.

Labor Decisions

Contract to Union House is Void.
State vs. Toole, 26 Mont., 22. Contract entered into by the acceptance of a bid for public work, tendered pursuant to a limiting the right to bid to persons employing or who will in the future employ union labor only, is void.

That "Vicious Attack."
The Ft. Scott Tribune, in a recent issue prints the following bit of information:
The Appeal to Reason, a Socialist paper published at Girard, Kansas, is said to have a bona fide circulation of 400,000 copies.

Yes, the Appeal has a scrap on its hands already, but it dares tell the truth as it sees it. No matter how many threats are made against it by the powers that be, in fact, we are rather flattered than otherwise at the attention this paper received at the hands of the men who pose as the leaders of the republican party.

How much wealth, how much opportunity, how much individuality, have you under this system? There is nothing in it for you. It exists only to rob you. Vote it out of existence and be free.

The great problem of economic liberty arises out of the conflict between the individualistic idea of civilization and the socialistic idea of it. Extreme individualism is marked by ferocity and selfishness, and is illustrated by the lion, the tiger and the eagle.

A Strange Contrast.

The class character of society makes it possible for a gentleman to have friends in the kennel but not in the kitchen. His dogs may sleep under eiderdown blankets between sheets of silk while thousands of babies are shivering for lack of sufficient covering.

The man whose heart is more than a blood pump has no serious objection to the kindness lavished on pups, pussies and poodles, but if his head and heart are working order he feels the brutal indifference with which the pillars of capitalist society ignore human wants.

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Paraphrastic Pellets

The voice of the people is the voice of God until after the election.
The form of "modernism" most feared by the pope is modern Socialism.
The red flag of Socialism naturally infuriates the bulls of Wall street.

Some folks are afraid to try Socialism for fear it will not prove a success. Others claim it has been tried many times and failed. When in a tight pinch sing either song.

Remember this is the third American revolution: In the first we broke loose from kingly tyranny; in the second we overthrew black slavery; it now remains to liberate the workers.

And now comes along the annual report of President W. W. Finley, of the Southern Railway, in which the panic is not only admitted but glorified because "a man who knows some one is waiting for his job is more efficient."

The American Economist, a tariff sheet which fairly froths at the mouth whenever anything is said about curbing the trusts by taking away their monopoly, is deeply concerned about the welfare of labor. In a recent issue occurs this heading: "The most important thing that labor should first of all have work and wages."

Saves Bro. Rockefeller, in his opening reminiscences, in the October World's Work: "I am naturally an optimist, and when it comes to a statement of what our people will accomplish in the future I am unable to express myself with sufficient enthusiasm." Do you notice how natural it is for him to say "our people"? and he means it, for if allowed to go on unchecked, Standard Oil will eventually own every man, woman and child in the United States.

Can It Be Done?

And now the Honorable Henry Cabot Lodge, of Massachusetts, United States senator, author of books and gentleman of culture, finds it expedient to rise before the Postmasters' Association of New England and sound the tocsin of alarm at the growth of Socialism.

Another plunge into the murky and misty past will no doubt lead Mr. Lodge to the discovery that Socialism antedates Satan and that the Socialists are really the authors of original sin.

The financial panic has left a grim trail of tell-tale deaths from heart disease in its wake, the number being 12 per cent. There has also been an increase of 5 per cent in cancer. The panic, in combination with the new disease law, has caused a decrease of about one-third in the number of suicides in Grand Central Station.

The above paragraph is taken from the Kansas City Journal of October 20. That, in brief, is the indictment which known facts bring against the capitalist system and the two political parties that are striving to perpetuate it for all time to come.

The record of the democratic and republican parties spells P-A-N-I-C. You vote for panic when you vote either Bryan or Taft. You may take your choice of what particular brand of panic you prefer.

The folly of capitalist virtue is seen in the fact that it kills in war and then calls it virtue to dress the wounds it made; it erases the hell of poverty, and then flatters itself that it is virtuous because it feeds a few. It is a mockery of virtue and a burlesque of charity.

New Pamphlets.

The Issue, Eugene V. Debs. His opening campaign speech at Girard, Kan., upon receipt of news of his nomination. Very interesting for campaign uses. 5 cents per copy. \$1 per hundred. \$5 a thousand.