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James W. Hawkins, of East Akron, Ohio, won the ten acre farm for the week ending January 11, 1901-26 yearlies.

A HOT PREMIUM.

Next week's issue will contain the particulars concerning a fine 160 acre farm all ready to be occupied, with buildings, orchards, etc., which the Appeal will give to the person who sends in the greatest number of yearlies for the months of February, March and April.

This idea of reaching the doctors is a plan to shower Socialist literature solidly upon one or more states, and from center to circumference have it alive with active and energetic agitators. For the doctors are that. They have put in their lives in study and reflection—they are not mere money-grubbers, without the time nor inclination to see aught but the penny just ahead, and indifferent to the means which they employ to get it.

The prices of the Appeal will remain during the coming year as they are now. I held back the contract for this year's supply of paper, hoping I would be able to make a club rate of twenty cents, but couldn't make it.

Some six weeks or two months ago I offered to refund the money of any one who had contributed to the editorial fund who was dissatisfied with the results. Not a cent has been called for. I know, as no one else does, by the different tone of newspapers of every grade in speaking of Socialism that that fund was worth millions to the movement.

A constitutional amendment has been introduced in the house of representatives providing for "uniform qualification of electors in each state, the same to be hereafter prescribed by congress."

The greatest and only task confronting Socialists, is educating the public. The public is always looking after its own interests, or what it conceives to be such. We believe that Socialism is to the interest of the people, otherwise, we would not endorse it.

The earth is filled with wretchedness and misery and tears. It has been so for ages—and the parsons tell us that it must always be so.

A libel suit was instituted seven years ago in Chicago, and a few days ago when the case was brought to trial, it was dismissed, because all the witnesses were dead.

Do you know you are being robbed every day of the major portion of your creations? And are you sitting down supinely and submitting to it, or are you in active and energetic rebellion?

Prosperity for the Railroads.

THERE is being made up in St. Paul a private train which will carry J. J. Hill, president of the Great Northern, and other railway officials over tens of thousands of miles of railway lines. The object of this journey is to reduce the expenses of the operating departments of the railroad systems over which it travels, and it is estimated that 50,000 men will lose their jobs between the time this train passes out of the snow-covered yards of St. Paul, and the time the engine whistles for the town on its return trip.

The "community of ownership" advocated by the great railroad magnates of the country, is not Socialism, as some mistaken enthusiasts make believe—unless we decide that Rockefeller, Morgan, Vanderbilt, et al., constitute the "community."

My dear and festive old party worker, have you not often read of the folks exiled by foreign governments—deported for political offenses? Before the year is old, McKinley has ordered that twenty-six Filipinos be exiled for political offenses.

In every dispute between the employers and employes in New Zealand, in which the court of conciliation is brought into use, the decision of the court is that preference shall be given to members of the labor union.

The entire legislature of Ohio will likely go to Washington to see their brother skinner inaugurated. They will use the money of the skinned to go with. But the working mules seem to like to pay for excursions for some one else, so I suppose, as the mental scientists say, "all is good."

A man in overalls, well worn, tells me that Socialism would reduce the people to dead level, would destroy all the individuality of the man, and make all people look alike.

all begin to look alike to me! But perhaps that is only their way of showing their great individuality under the present system! What funny things we see when we haven't got a gun!

Cost of Production.

Barley—Thirty bushels cost two hours and 43 minutes and the wages paid was sixty cents or two cents a bushel. Corn—Forty bushels cost in labor time 27 1/2 hours and the wages paid \$4.23 or eleven cents a bushel.

These are the necessary costs of the articles quoted, by use of machinery in 1896, as given by the United States statistics (13th Labor Report), and what has been done by capitalistic processes of production.

Under Socialism the more machinery the better for all. It would lessen the hours of labor without lessening the rewards or pay. You will note that twenty bushels of wheat cost three hours time and nine minutes for one bushel.

The safest place to put your money, where there is absolutely no danger of being lost, stolen or destroyed, is in postal money orders. Buy them payable to yourself, and if you lose the order, or if it is destroyed or stolen, the government will pay you the amount anyway.

Frank Welch, a pugilist, died at Easton, Pa., the other day from the effects of a prize fight. This is a hot civilization, and the only practicable one, you know.

Twenty-five million dollars is the amount appropriated by the government to enlarge the facilities at West Point to train the youth of the nation how to direct others in the most scientific manner to slaughter human beings.

Lord Scully owns a goodly portion of the United States—several million acres. I am collecting information regarding the holdings of this foreign nobleman.

History Repeats Itself.

NEARLY all of you have heard of George Washington. He is considered a patriot by Mark Hanna in public speeches, though it is very likely that if George was to show up in Washington at present, that he wouldn't be able to get even a hand-out at the White House.

The Toledo Times, finding that the subject lesson of New Zealand is having an influence on public sentiment here, makes some bold and bald assertions about the country losing population and being in debt.

What do you know about political economy—the science of government? O, you think as much, perhaps, as anybody else, except your political leaders—for, haven't you been reading political papers all these many years? Now let me tell you that you do not thoroughly understand a single truth about politics, if that is all you have been reading—not a single truth.

It will not pay you to worry about what the set of capitalists in Washington City are doing. They are arranging laws to enable them and their friends to get more wealth—which you workers create.

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ECHOES Along the Way.

ENGLAND, so long the commercial king among nations, is fast losing its prestige and power. The United States is the coming monarch...

in learning young men civil engineering, electrical science, etc., and then putting them at work at some useful occupation by which the nation would be enriched and benefited...

trolled by the trust. As everything of value and use is now controlled by a trust of some kind, it can be readily seen that to abstain from these things for a short time would place a man where he would not need any of the articles controlled by the trust.

Appeal Army

The Appeal reserve fund is now \$232.19. 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.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE DOCTOR'S FUND.

- Two thousand (\$2000) dollars is being raised for the purpose of sending the Appeal one year to 8000 doctors. ARIZONA-No. of Doctors, 162. W. S. Varnum, \$1. Total contribution, \$2.

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.

A Defeat for the Anti-Trust Movement.

The proceedings brought against the Standard Oil Co., by Ex-Attorney-General Frank S. Monnett, in Ohio, have ended in a decided victory for the company. In 1892 the Ohio supreme court "ousted" this trust on the ground that it had exceeded its corporate powers in the state.

Why I Am a Socialist.

By Prof. Geo. D. Herron, is a clear-cut incisive little pamphlet, that carries conviction to the heart of the prejudiced and unthinking man. Price, 5 cents; ten copies, 25 cents. Don't fail to order a bunch when next you write the Appeal.

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