

AN ELECTION PRIMER

Pertinent Points About Our Election Machinery For New Voters and Old

THE SOCIALISTIC PARTIES.

Are persons holding Socialistic views represented by a national political party?

They are represented by two parties, the Socialist and the Socialist Labor.

For what does the Socialist party stand?

In its platform for 1904 the party said: "Socialism means that all those things upon which the people in common depend shall by the people in common be owned and administered. It means that the tools of employment shall belong to their creators and users; that all production shall be for the direct use of the producers; that the making of goods for profit shall come to an end; that we shall all be workers together, and that all opportunities shall be open and equal to all men." The Socialist party stands for shorter working hours, higher wages, graduated income and inheritance tax, public ownership of public utilities, complete education of children and their freedom from toil, "and for every gain or advantage for the workers that may be wrested from the capitalist system and that may relieve the suffering and strengthen the hands of labor."

Who was the first Socialist candidate for president?

Eugene V. Debs of Indiana, who in 1904 received 402,283 votes. In 1900 Mr. Debs ran on what was called the Social Democratic ticket, receiving 87,814 votes.

When did the Socialist Labor party first appear in national politics?

In 1892, when Simon Wing was nominated for president, receiving 21,164 votes. The Socialist Labor party has not grown appreciably. In 1899 a large majority of its members seceded, uniting with the Social Democracy founded by Debs and thus forming the straight-out Socialist party.

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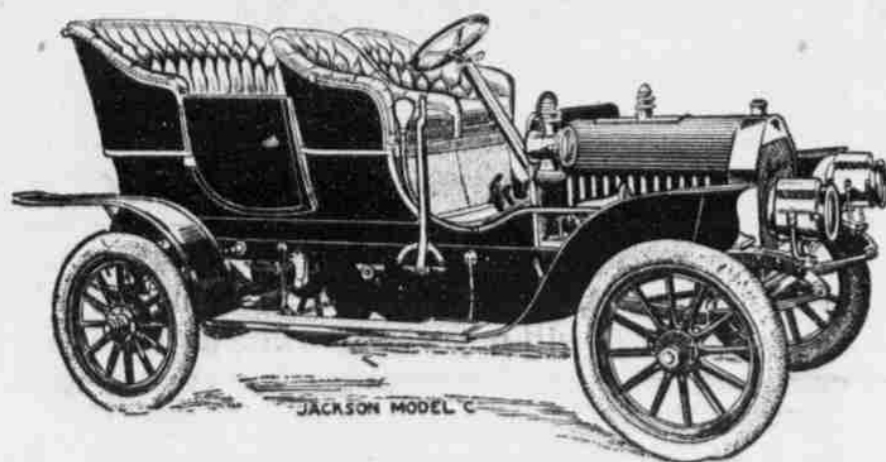
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By Captain THOMAS S. BALDWIN.

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Today a man carrying aeroplane weighs from six hundred to nine hundred pounds. WHEN THE MECHANIC STARTS TO REFINEMENT THESE CRUDE MACHINES I THINK THERE WILL BE BUILT AN AEROPLANE THAT WILL WEIGH BUT TWENTY POUNDS FOR EACH MAN CARRIED.

OF COURSE A GREAT DEAL OF MONEY WILL NECESSARILY BE LOST BEFORE THIS RESULT IS ATTAINED, FOR IT WILL ONLY FOLLOW REPEATED AND VERY COSTLY EXPERIMENTS.

No Substitute In Work World For Sterling Common Sense.

By JOHN A. HOWLAND, Chicago Journalist.

USE your brains—if you have any! Failing in this a few times, recognize the fact that it wasn't intended for you to take the initiative in the world's work. Then it will be time enough for you to line up with the army of the unemployed, working absolutely under direction.

AT A TIME WHEN MORE ADVICE TO THE YOUNG MAN IS PRINTED THAN EVER BEFORE IN HISTORY IT STRIKES ME THAT THIS MODERN YOUNG MAN NEEDS MORE THAN EVER BEFORE TO GET HIS OWN BEARINGS UPON HIMSELF IN RELATION TO HIS PARTICULAR WORK. THE WHOLE EQUATION IS PERSONAL AND SPECIFIC. GENERALITIES COVERING RULES OF CONDUCT ACCORDING TO CONVENTIONAL CATECHISMS MAY BE WORTHLESS. THEY MAY BE EVEN CONFUSING AND MISLEADING.

The situation is that the young man has work before him. With certain modifications, perhaps, he is the man to do it. The employer asks only that the work be done satisfactorily.

I read the other day a catechismic dissertation upon how every young man may succeed in life. It was in effect that, having true courage, this young man would recognize no obstacle in his way as unsurmountable; that, having no fear of failure, he would press on all ways to the accomplishment of anything he might attempt to do.

Fundamentally I DON'T KNOW OF ANYTHING SILIER than the promulgating of any such philosophy as this. That young man who gets such a distorted idea into his head, believing it to be of practical, everyday value to him, must find DISAPPOINTMENT AND FAILURE INEVITABLE. There are a million commonplace things in business life that are impossible. Things that were possible yesterday are impossible today, and things possible today will be impracticable tomorrow.

"Learn to obey orders" is one of the old reiterations of the conventional teacher who fancies that an idealized philosophy should apply to every relation in the life of the employee. Yet there are men every day losing positions because of a fool's obedience to the letter of a rule.

Time was when an office boy would have been discharged if he had not untied carefully the twine binding a package and carefully preserved both string and paper. Today the boy who can cut the wrappings from such a package and drop them deepest in a wastebasket in the shortest time proves his efficiency.

THERE IS NO SUBSTITUTE IN THE WORKING WORLD FOR A STERLING COMMON SENSE. THERE IS NO COURAGE TO COMPARE WITH THAT WHICH MAY BE DISPLAYED BY THE YOUNG MAN WHO SAYS TO HIMSELF, "I'LL GIVE THIS UP RIGHT HERE," AND WHO AFTERWARD CAN JUSTIFY HIS MOVE.

Man's Nature Makes It Necessary to Be Ready For War.

By Premier ASQUITH of Great Britain.

AS long as man's nature continues what it is it will be necessary for prudent statesmen to provide for war. National security must always have first place in the thoughts and plans of the government of any country.

BUT, ADMITTING THAT ALL THE PLAIN FACT REMAINS THAT THERE IS NO ENTERPRISE MORE WORTHY OF THE EFFORTS OF GOOD MEN THAN TO DEVISE PRACTICABLE MEANS NOT ONLY FOR MINIMIZING THE RISKS OF INTERNATIONAL QUARRELS, BUT FOR PROVIDING A RATIONAL SUBSTITUTE FOR THE SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES BY WARFARE.

Among the various means of progress in this direction the first is the growth of international agreements.

I use the word agreements because alliances sometimes have the contrary effect. The second is the SUBSTITUTION OF INTERNATIONAL LITIGATION FOR THE BARBAROUS METHODS OF SLAUGHTER. The translation of these principles into practice is beset with difficulty, though not, in my opinion, insurmountable difficulty.

Of course there is a delicate sphere of international relations. The main thing is that the nations should get to know and understand one another.

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