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Letters and articles relating to the social problem are solicited.

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The Trades Assembly of St. Louis, Mo., has endorsed the socialist labor party.

The official count in California gives McKinley, 146,132; Bryan, 143,334.

A government monopoly is a public benefit; a private monopoly is a public robbery.

Governor Holcomb, the recently re-elected populist governor of Nebraska, leads the fight for the abolition of the contract system in the penitentiary of that state.

A German grain merchant failed the other day with liabilities amounting to three million marks. Have they got "returning prosperity" in the "vaterlandt," too?

A Chicago paper has just discovered that Bryan was defeated because he opposed Clevelandism. Another paper convinced that the election of McKinley means no change of administrative policy.

An effort is being made to sound the sentiment in St. Louis county with respect to the submission of a proposition to vote 4 per cent 30-year bonds to the amount of \$250,000 in account of the Duluth & Southwestern railroad. The proposed line is to run due south and connect with the Duluth & Red Wing.

An effort is being made to effect an international organization of ship, dock and river workers, and Edward McHugh of England is now in this country to further that purpose.

R. G. Dun & Co. last week reported 300 failures—21 more than in the corresponding week a year ago. Prosperity may have her face this way, but she seems to be walking backwards.

The tabulated vote of the state of Illinois for president shows the following: McKinley, 604,467; Bryan, 463,299; Palmer, (gold dem.), 6,175; Levering, (pro.), 799; Watson middle of the road populists, 1,087; Matchette (socialist), 1,252.

Three states in the union have granted woman the right of suffrage—Colorado, Wyoming and Utah. True to her nature honesty, integrity and love of humanity she caused each of these states to cast its electoral vote for the people's candidate, Wm. J. Bryan.

Omaha, (Neb.) has a Woman's Bimetallic club. Why not form such a club in Duluth. Much good no doubt would result. There are two years before another election and in that time many of the social and economic questions could be taken up, studied and thoroughly discussed. There are many ladies in Duluth, who, if they put their heads together, would make such a club a splendid success.

Reporters present at the rabbit slaughter the other day on the "Juke" of Marlborough's estate in honor of the Prince of Wales, were requested to appear in high silk hats and frock coats. Wonder if the rabbits had to wear kid gloves and tooth-pick shoes?

The Knights of Labor at their general assembly in Rochester, N. Y., re-elected General Master Workman Sovereign, of Arkansas and also John W. Hayes, general secretary-treasurer. Thos. B. McGuire, of New York was elected worthy foreman and to fill the executive board the following were chosen: Henry B. Martin, of Minnesota, re-elected; Daniel Brown of Butte City and Andrew D. Bert of Brooklyn.

The Virginia state board of canvassers decides that one McKinley elector has been chosen in that state and instead of 12 for Bryan the electoral college will stand 11 for Bryan and one for McKinley. The clerks from various parts of the state returned their certificates made out in the name of Charles M. Wallace, Jr., C. M. Wallace, C. W. Wallace, and several other names, so that 21,272 votes cast for him were cast out and a McKinley elector will be substituted.

We expect to be able to branch out into new educational fields in the near future; along broader and higher lines of thought. The Labor World has made a place for itself in the educational and literary world; but in order to maintain that which we have already gained, and conquer new fields, we must keep pace with the changes and demands of the time. Like all new undertakings starting without capital, excepting energy and pluck, we have been hampered to a great degree, but we think we see our way clear to soon give our readers a journal filled with thoughts from many of the best writers of the day.

Plutocracy has claimed that high wages in this country were due to the gold standard. Organized labor claims they are due to labor unions. Japan is a free silver country; it is also a country where labor is generally