

## THE LABOR VOTE.

### VIEWS OF COL. ROBERT G. INGERSOLL AND PROMINENT ANARCHISTS.

CHICAGO, Nov. 3.—“I was for Henry George,” said Col. R. G. Ingersoll to-day, “and before leaving New-York I paired in order to save my vote. I hoped that George would be elected. He wants to do something. He stands for something. He represents a cause. He is perfectly sincere, and in my judgment he would have made an excellent Mayor. If the Republicans had acted wisely they would have voted for George. They would have beaten the Democracy. That is the first duty of Republicans. The means are only of secondary importance. If the Republicans had voted for George the next President would be a Republican. It would have demoralized the Democrats, but now the Labor Party has no better feeling toward Republicans than Democrats.”

“A new party has been born. The sons of toil have appealed to the ballot. It is the most potent of all weapons. Strikes and boycotts are of the past. Labor stands with a ballot in its hands, and with that weapon it will succeed. My sympathies are with the workers, and what little I can do I shall gladly do for them. The old parties must get some new ideas or they will soon be regarded as antiquities—fit only for political museums. The office seekers must make terms with the workingmen or go to work themselves.”

Joe Gruenhut, employed under Mayor Harrison, and who has been active as a Socialist, says regarding the labor vote in this city:

“The trades unions in Chicago, New-York, and other cities and industrial centres struck at the ballot box and ignored the two national political parties. They take up the live issues of civilized existence and place them within the range of practical politics, thereby relegating to the rear all impracticable schemes and anarchistic disturbers of the peace. Social and political progress is a subject of common interest, and the agitators may get their compensation by running for office and getting elected. In such manner order and progress is upheld. The nonsensical cry of ‘reds,’ &c., did not prevent organized labor in Cook County from casting 20,000 votes and electing two Senators and six members of the Legislature yesterday, and at the next city election the complexion of the City Council will be materially changed. Our electoral organization is ready made, as we can use our trades unions for the purposes of agitation and levy the necessary campaign expenses upon the members in good standing; also, order the proper number of men to electioneering duties, ticket peddling, &c., thus abolishing the corrupting system of assessing candidates and spending the money to treat voters in saloons. The united Labor Party has the balance of power in this State.”

August Spies, the condemned Anarchist, said concerning the election in Chicago: “The 18,000 or 20,000 Socialistic votes that were cast yesterday were an answer to the verdict against the Anarchists. You may say that the same answer was given in New-York as in Chicago. It was a Socialistic vote. It was a vote of the people who work for a living against those who live by theft. The working people are beginning to see that the only remedy they have is by the ballot.”