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THE LAMB AND THE FOX.

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ASILLY lambkin on the top of the roof of a farmhouse was looking down on the road when a fox went by. Encouraged by his safe position, the lambkin gathered courage in his “chicken-heart,” and began to abuse the fox. The fox looked up at the lambkin and said: “It is not you, it is the roof that speaks.”

The New Yorker Volkszeitung Corporation, boosted up to a temporary elevation of safety by the popularity of Eugene V. Debs, to whom it attached itself, is just now turning somersaults of joy and abusing the Socialist Labor Party, pronouncing it for the hundredth time dead. It is not the Volkszeitung Corporation that speaks, it is its temporary high perch.

The story does not tell what ever became of the tender lambkin when it eventually, if not sooner, had to descend to level ground. But the history of the Socialist Movement in America will not be silent on the ultimate fate of the silly and now impudent Volkszeitung Corporation, nor on the ultimate triumph over it by the S.L.P.

It may be that, as later returns seem to indicate, the S.L.P. vote in this State has fallen below the official figure. What of it? The S.L.P. will, henceforth as before, be found on the official ballot in this city and State. The necessary signatures will be canvassed for and collected here as elsewhere; the principle that the S.L.P. stands for will be upheld; the mission that it has to perform will be neglected not one hour. That mission—the drilling of the Revolution and thereby the rendering of it unassailable—requires the preliminary form or process of the ballot. That preliminary form, required by civilization, will not be neglected. Being essential, it will be observed.

To the end of this struggle—to keep the Social Revolution proof against the corrupting influence of the physical, moral and intellectual scum of society—the

Uplifted Arm and Hammer of the Socialist Labor Party will ever be found hammering away in the frontmost ranks of the fray.

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