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CONFERENCE ON SOCIALIST UNITY

AN INTERESTING REPORT OF THE WORK OF THE S. D. P. AND S. L. P. COMMITTEES.

By Margaret Haile.

The committees of nine on union, elected by the S. D. P. and the S. L. P. conventions respectively, met at the Labor Lyceum, New York, on Sunday, March 25, 1900.

There were present, of the S. L. P. committee: Harriman and Benham, California; Hilquit, Stone and Sieverman, New York; Hayes, Ohio; White, Connecticut; Fenner, Massachusetts; and Barnes of Pennsylvania.

Of the S. D. P. committee there were present: Heath, Wisconsin; Stedman, Illinois; Chase, Carey and Halle, Massachusetts; Lowergan, Connecticut; Hoehn, Missouri; and Butcher, New York. Berger of Wisconsin was absent.

Harriman was elected chairman and Chase vice-chairman of the conference. N. I. Stone was elected secretary of the S. L. P. committee and Margaret Haile of the S. D. P. committee, to act jointly as secretary of the conference.

A press committee was elected, consisting of Benham and Heath, to be subject to the orders of the conference. It was voted to take up the following questions in their order: (1) Party name; (2) Constitution; (3) Press; (4) Candidates; (5) Platform.

It was voted that unless a party division is called for by one or more members, the committees vote as one body.

It was voted to discuss all of the points in the order already adopted, before a vote is taken—each proposition to come up in a separate vote after all had been discussed.

A motion, by Hilquit, that all minority reports should be avoided where there is a division on party lines, and in all other cases only one recommendation under each head should be submitted, was lost. The S. D. P. decided that while they hoped for unanimous reports, they recognized the right of every member of their committee to present a minority report if he saw fit. Adjourned at 1 o'clock to meet at 2.

The afternoon session opened on the question of party name. Discussion continued until 7 p.m., every member of the S. L. P. committee arguing against the name S. D. P. and favoring the name United Socialist Party, with the exception of Max Hayes who was not present during the discussion; while the Social Democrats urged the adoption of the name S. D. P. Neither side seemed to be able to convince the other, and the session adjourned, to take up the question in separate committee during the evening, with the hope of arriving at some basis of action to be submitted next morning.

The Monday morning session opened with a report by Chase on behalf of the Social Democrats, that the latter had decided to recommend that two names should be submitted to general vote—the name S. D. P. as the choice of the S. D. P. committee, and one other name to be selected by the S. L. P. committee. The latter thereupon recommended the submission of the name "United Socialist Party" as their choice.

The location of the seat of the national executive board was next taken up. Several nominations were made in joint session, viz., New York, Chicago, New Haven, Cleveland, Springfield, Mass. and Boston. After party consultation, the S. D. P. delegates reported that they would recommend the submission of Springfield. The S. L. P. delegates thereupon reported their willingness to submit only Springfield, provided the S. D. P. would agree to the same. The latter, after again withdrawing for consultation, reported that five of their members were in favor of agreeing to this proposition, but that two would submit a minority report in favor of Chicago. The minority were Seymour Stedman and Margaret Haile. It was therefore resolved that Springfield, Mass., be recommended as the seat of the National Executive Board until the next national convention. On this point a minority report will be submitted recommending Chicago.

On the composition and manner of electing the National Executive Board, a motion was made by the S. L. P. to have a provisional N. E. C. consisting of ten members, five from each party, two to be selected at New York, two from Massachusetts and one from Connecticut respectively, by each party.

Stedman moved a substitute, providing for a National Council to be composed of one member elected by each state, which should meet in council at least once a year and consider the interests and the needs of the movement in every part of the country; and should nominate candidates for a National Executive Committee of nine members, who should be elected by a referendum. Members of the National Council to be subject to recall by the membership of their respective states, and members of the N. E. C. to be subject to recall by the membership at large.

A roll call showed eight S. L. Ps. in favor of the former (the eastern plan), and two social democrats. Hoehn, Butcher, Lowergan, Stedman and Haile favored the national council plan. It was decided to bring in a minority report on this point also. Adjourned at 7:30 p. m.

Tuesday morning's session opened with the nomination of candidates for provisional national executive board. Five candidates are to be elected by each party, and it was decided that

each committee should nominate ten names, in order to give the party membership a choice. The S. D. P. members were: From New York: Butcher, Phillips, Gordon and Guyer. From Mass.: Chase, Macartney, Jones of Springfield, and Haile. From Conn.: W. F. Lowergan of Roxbury, Geo. Sweetland of Bristol. The S. L. P. nominees were: From New York: Sieverman of Rochester, Siobodan, Hilquit and Stone of New York. From Mass.: Fenner of Worcester, Fenner of Springfield, Oliver and Kaplan of Boston. From Conn.: White and Bartels of New Haven.

As to a permanent national executive board, it was moved by the S. L. P. that until the 1st of February, 1901, the affairs of the united parties should be conducted by the provisional committee, and that from and after that date the same committee should be continued as the permanent national executive committee, any state so desiring to have the right to send an additional member at its own expense.

At this point Seymour Stedman renewed his motion for a national executive committee to be nominated by the national council consisting of one member from each state, and elected by referendum. This time his motion carried, and that point was removed from the minority report.

The vote on this question by roll call showed: S. D. P. 10 in favor; and S. L. P. 5 in favor. As a method of providing for their successors it was voted that during the month of January in each year the members in the respective states shall elect their respective members of the national council.

On motion of Chase, the matter of presidential candidates was taken up, and promptly disposed of, Eugene V. for vice president being the unanimous choice.

The platform question was settled, without discussion, with the unanimous adoption of the S. L. P. declaration of principles and the addition of the S. D. P. demands.

It was recommended that the two parties unite upon Eugene Dietzgen, the nominee of the S. D. P., for delegate to the international convention at Paris in 1900.

The constitution was next taken up, and the points in each constitution adopted, as far as practicable. But the time was so limited and the points of difference so numerous that the result could not be expected to be entirely satisfactory. Much more is this true of the important and difficult question of party press. Benham offered a motion that each member of the party shall designate which paper of a list to be furnished by the national executive board he desired, and that each paper so ordered shall be paid for at the rate of 10 cents per quarter by the national executive board; this plan to take effect upon the consummation of union.

Harriman moved an amendment that on the basis of the different basis upon which the S. D. P. Herald was maintained that paper should be sent to the members of the party on the 12 cents per quarter agreement for the first six months, and that the scheme proposed by Comrade Benham be thereafter applied. At this point the conference adjourned for supper, and when it reconvened the latter amendment was withdrawn. There were amendments and substituted resolutions and other intelligible discussion. Carey had a plan for utilizing both the People and the S. D. Herald as official papers, one to be devoted more particularly to party news, discussions, etc., and the other to general propaganda work, but it met with no favor. The plan that was finally agreed to was a modification of a substitute by Hilquit that the S. D. Herald may be sent to all the present members of the S. D. P. and to such new members as may be selected it, for three months after the consummation of the union, the national executive board to pay for the same to the amount of \$60 per week. At the expiration of the three months the papers are to be put on the same basis; each member to select which one he pleases and have it paid for by the national executive board out of his dues to that body, at the rate of 10 cents per quarter.

It was voted that the members of both parties in Chicago should elect a national campaign committee to serve during the coming national campaign. The question of party name, the conference decided to submit in the following shape: (1) Are you in favor of the name Social Democrat Party? (2) Are you in favor of the name United Socialist Party? (Vote for one only.) (3) In case the party name voted for by you fails to obtain the concurrent majority of both parties, shall the name receiving the majority of the total vote of both parties be adopted? On the question of referendum it was voted that a committee of two, consisting of one from each party, be elected to receive the votes of the various sections and branches from the secretaries of both parties, who shall first count and note the number of votes, and to publish a detailed account of the votes cast by each section and branch in the S. D. Herald and The People. The votes of those only who are in good standing on April 1st and present at the meeting to be counted. Butcher and Stone were elected such committee.

The two secretaries, N. I. Stone and Margaret Haile, together with Wm. Butcher of Brooklyn, were instructed to put the proceedings of the conference into shape and prepare them for referendum vote, to be submitted not later than April 15th; all votes to be in the hands of the respective national secretaries by May 30th.

At 11:30 p. m., Tuesday, I left the hall, in order to catch the midnight train for Boston, leaving Comrades Hoehn, Butcher and Carey, together with the entire S. L. P. committee, to arrange a few remaining details of the constitution. MARGARET HAILE.

THE TRADE UNION PARTY. Ninety-five per cent. of the delegates to the social democratic convention were members of the two old party conventions are not members of any trade unions. Which is the trade union party?

GOOD! The democrats have already got Mark Hanna contributing to the socialist campaign fund. No doubt he did the same thing in Massachusetts where democrats combine with republicans against the socialists.—The Workers' Call.

"HONEST" JOURNALISM

HOW THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATS ARE MISREPRESENTED BY THE HAVERHILL GAZETTE.

That the coalition politicians have commenced their campaigns for the elections next fall is evidenced by the reports printed in the Gazette of late regarding the conduct of city affairs.

The manner in which these reports are written up indicate a palpable desire to misrepresent the social democrats and make as favorable a showing as possible for the coalitionists. Ordinary occurrences are exaggerated and the actions of the social democrats are distorted and twisted out of their true meaning. In addition to this the leaders of the coalition gang are given credit for an interest in the people's welfare which they do not now, nor are they ever likely to possess.

The Gazette has boasted that its news columns were conducted without prejudice or bias and that all sides received an equal showing. Considering the fact that the Gazette is naturally the mouthpiece of the coalition party, it would be foolish to expect the social democrats to receive an equal showing with their opponents. The least we can expect is that the actions of our officials or the party will not be misrepresented, or what is worse, openly lied about.

Take the matter of the reduction in the street laborers' wages. The Gazette has twice made the statement that it was through the advice given by Alderman Roche to Mayor Chase that the latter refused to approve the pay roll last Saturday. The object is to assist Mr. Roche in prolonging his political career at the expense of the city. Mr. Roche comes from a ward where a large number of street laborers reside and their votes count. Mr. Roche has shown himself to be absolutely devoid of sympathy so far as the working class is concerned and when he appears as the defender of the street laborers he does it for political effect, and the Gazette is doing all it can to help him. The most amusing part about the whole thing is the astounding audacity of the Gazette in placing Roche before the public as the adviser of Mayor Chase. This is so very funny that it needs no further comment from us. The joke will be apparent to all those who know Roche and know the mayor.

We called attention last week to the report in the Gazette that Alderman Scates had contended before the license committee that prize fights and boxing exhibitions should be licensed. The facts were that Alderman Scates contended that the license committee should make a report to the council either for or against the proposed license instead of referring the question back without recommendation, which the committee voted to do. Mr. Scates contended that the committee ought to have backbone enough to take a stand in the matter, but this the committee apparently did not have. The Gazette, however, makes it appear that Alderman Scates fought for license in order that the public would believe the social democrats were opposing City Marshal McLaughlin, who was opposed to the licenses being granted.

The weekly resume of the city hall affairs published by the Gazette last Saturday was the most flagrant instance of its conduct and untruthfulness that as yet appeared. The whole article is based upon the assumption that the social democrats are antagonistic to City Marshal McLaughlin, who was the appointee of Mayor Chase. The Gazette becomes reckless enough to make the following statement: "One of the leading members of the social democracy this week admitted that City Marshal Frank McLaughlin was not the choice of that party for the position, but that he was named last year, and also this year, simply from a political standpoint."

There is but one way to answer a statement of this kind and that is to brand it as a lie out of the whole cloth. We are not afraid to say that no member, "leading" or otherwise, of the social democratic party made the admission charged to him. The social democrats favored the appointment of City Marshal McLaughlin, because they believed him to be the man for the position and they stood by him until public opinion compelled the majority members of the board of aldermen to confirm the appointment. And since that was done the coalition outfit have tried to make it appear that they confirmed the appointment because the social democrats didn't want McLaughlin as city marshal. If that is not playing politics, what is!

Again, in its report of the Perry case at Brockton the Gazette heads it with "Official Servitude. An Interesting Example of Social Democratic Practice." This is in the news column, remember, where all sides have an equal showing in this impartiality! We know the Gazette would consider it "official servitude" for a man to be responsible for his official acts, but its opinion should be reserved for its editorial column, when it has any that does not come from Washington, D. C., manufactured ready for use. The people of the city are disgusted with the antics of the coalition members, who have neither brains enough to be "cranks" nor ability enough to be crooks; but what can the people do about it? They must wait until election day comes or they can dispose of misgovernors; but in the meanwhile what evil may not be done!

We have called attention to these misrepresentations and worse of the Gazette, not that we believe they will be the last, but to show the people just

what the Gazette is and what it is prepared to do to bolster up the losing cause of the anti-social democrats. The elections are yet a long way off, but our opponents have started in early. From now on every effort will be made to prejudice our case and confuse the voters as to the position being taken by the social democrats on public affairs. The truth will be slaughtered, lies manufactured, insinuations scattered wholesale and every artifice known to the capitalist politicians will be employed against us. Nevertheless, the social democratic party will continue as it has begun, growing in strength and influence numerically and morally, until more victories are recorded for us on election day.

The Gazette and every office holder ward heeler and political roustabout in the ranks of the enemy will please note this so that they will remember it well after the votes are counted.

WOMEN'S S. D. CLUB

VOTES \$25.00 TO NATIONAL CAMPAIGN FUND.

The Women's Social Democratic club held its regular meeting on Tuesday evening at the residence of Mayor Chase. The literary exercises consisted of a selection from Edward Bellamy read by Mrs. Harding, and a portion of an article by Eugene V. Brewster, the recent convert to the ranks of the social democratic party, followed by a brief discussion. The club then proceeded to business and listened to an encouraging report from the fair committee, from which it appeared that every effort was being made to render the fair a complete success in every respect.

A letter was read from Comrade Stedman, to whom the club had sent \$25 towards the payment of the debt assumed by Comrade Debs in behalf of the American Railway union, at the time of the great railway strike. This money was returned to the club, with the thanks of Comrade Debs, and a positive refusal to accept any funds for this purpose. The club accordingly voted to contribute these twenty-five dollars to the national campaign fund. The club adjourned to meet Tuesday evening, April 18th, at Beal's dye house, 78 Merrimack street.

THE FAIR.

ARRANGEMENTS PROGRESSING AND SUCCESS ASSURED.

The arrangements for the fair to be given by the Haverhill Women's Social Democratic club are progressing rapidly and every indication points to a splendid success. The books for various contests are being given out, chief among them being those for the ladies' gold watch and child's doll. Donations are being contributed liberally and the committees are working in their different fields with vigor and enthusiasm. The fair will be held in Lafayette hall beginning Monday, April 30, and ending Monday, May 7. Season tickets are \$1, single admission tickets 25 cents.

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THE CASE OF PERRY.

The case of Alderman Perry of Brockton, reported in another column of this issue, is the first of the kind in the history of the social democratic party...

When Mr. Perry accepted the nomination as alderman from the social democratic party he did so with a full knowledge of all the responsibilities and duties involved.

Of course the stereotyped cry will go up that "social democratic officials are dictated to by a branch," "they don't walk under their own hats," etc., etc.

The social democratic party represents certain well defined principles which must be adhered to by the party representatives if those principles would ever reach fulfillment.

relying among themselves over jobs, etc., or else lining up solid against the social democratic officials who are responsible to the party for their actions...

DEWEY.

When Admiral Dewey announces himself for president of the United States upon a platform based upon his own personality he reveals an egotism that is painful...

When the substitute bill offered by Mr. Carey of Haverhill providing that the total expense of separating grade crossings shall hereafter be paid by the railroads...

It won't eh? Well, didn't the Gazette support Messrs. How and Carleton? What does our contemporary expect, anyway?

The American ice company, with an absolute monopoly of the ice business of New York city, has already doubled the price of ice.

THE ABRIOT COURTEOUS.

The Lowell News is terribly upset at our gentle reminder of last week and really appears to be rather angry.

goods things contained in the social democracy"; unable to meet us in a discussion of principles; too ignorant to debate; too ill mannered to keep silent when their ignorance was made apparent...

SLEEPING OVER.

Whatever may be said of the justice or injustice of the war Great Britain is waging against the South African Boers, it will be conceded that good old Queen Victoria has done her best to mitigate the horror of the situation.

Some times the Gazette slops over and this is one of them. In heaven's name what act of the queen can mitigate the atrocities committed by Great Britain, the iniquity and injustice of this war...

Representative Carey broke all previous records last Monday. The committee on railroads reported leave to withdraw on Carey and McCartney's bill providing that the railroads pay the full cost of abolishing grade crossings.

When the substitute bill offered by Mr. Carey of Haverhill providing that the total expense of separating grade crossings shall hereafter be paid by the railroads, two Haverhill representatives were recorded—Carey for and How against the substitute.

The power of concerted effort on the part of labor is clearly demonstrated in the case of the many strikes occurring in this city during the past few weeks.

The weather is one of the principal themes for discussion in the editorial columns of the state press. Indeed, this seems to be the only subject about which many of the editors can express an intelligent opinion.

100 years. One of the members says our capacity to live long depends upon what we eat or drink. The burning question with most people under the present system is what they are going to get to eat and drink and how long they are going to get it.

Mayor Chase's refusal to approve the gas bills of the city pending the decision of the United States district court was the correct thing for him to do.

The Loud postal bill was defeated in congress because the members were bombarded with from 50 to 200 letters a day from their districts protesting against it.

The Gazette says "the present legislature has done nothing up to date." What about the labor bills demolished by the majority members who are of the Gazette stripe?

There are many humorists in congress according to reports, and that may be a blessing in itself.

The nomination of Long for the vice-presidency would add zest to the pleasure of voting against the republican ticket.

Universities founded and supported by industrial brigands should be expected to propagate doctrines defending and excusing brigandage.

Mark Hanna's knee joint may be stiff through lack of application of some Standard oil.

The Lawrence tailors compelled Mayor Leonard to recognize the union last Monday.

HOPE ON TOLL ON.

O, my brother, are you weary? Does the way seem long and dreary That leads up to the new era?

"Never" Cease the wall of "never." For the race goes on forever.

See, a golden bow is bending Over us, its glory lending Us us; a message sending That the world is moving on.

O, my brother, cease complaining. See, the night of wrong is waning.

As, when all her hues combining In a golden-tinted lining, Through the clouds the morn is shining.

'Tis the rising of the masses In their struggle with the classes— Like a dream the vision passes.

'Tis the conflict of the ages. It has been foretold by sages, And on poets' prophetic pages.

When the hosts of toil from slumber Shall arise in strength and number: Earth with smite the foes who cumber.

O, my brother, why repining? All the clouds have silver lining, And the rose-white dawn is shining.

Better days are breaking o'er us, From the nearing goal before us, We can hear a joyous chorus.

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ALDERMAN PERRY FOUND GUILTY

ELECTED ON SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC TICKET HE IS CONVICTED BY BRANCH 3 OF HAVING VIOLATED HIS PLEDGE.

HIS RESIGNATION PRESENTED BUT NOT ACCEPTED.

In the absence of a direct report from Brockton on the case of Alderman Perry, we reprint the following reports taken from the Brockton Times:

(Brockton Times, March 11.)

The hearing on the charges preferred against Alderman Perry of ward 4 by branch 3 of the social democratic party for voting in favor of granting a franchise to a second telephone company in this city...

There were nearly 300 in attendance, the meeting being open to the public, and among those noticed were a number of well known citizens...

Mr. Drake, in assuming charge of the prosecution said he did so with no personal feeling in the matter before the body, and with the desire to give the accused the same degree of fairness which he should wish for himself under like circumstances...

Alderman Perry rose to state that he should plead not guilty. He also stated that he appeared in his own behalf and would decline to answer any questions.

Mr. Drake then continued, stating that he sought to prove the alderman was nominated and elected upon the socialist platform; that he signed the resignation required by the party in good faith and with full knowledge of its requirements; that he was informed of the vote of the branch on the franchise matter; that he admitted the charge of the branch to instruct him to resign; that he voted contrary to instructions in regard to the franchise.

There ensued a rather lively exchange between the two men several minutes. Alderman Perry remarked that the charges said he violated a certain agreement entered into on a certain date. He asked what the agreement was, and to be furnished with a copy of it.

Mr. Drake replied that when he accepted the party nomination he signed a resignation under which the by-laws required that he obey all instructions which might be tendered him by the branch. Alderman Perry claimed he did not sign that by-law, nor was it attached to the resignation he signed.

Mr. Drake replied that Mr. Perry signed the resignation with a full understanding that the by-law in question regulated the resignation. Alderman Perry objected to being tried on anything other than specified in the charges regarding an agreement which he claimed he had not signed, when Mr. Drake attempted to call upon witnesses.

Chairman Malpas ruled that as the accused had refused to answer any questions, the prosecution should proceed with its case.

One of the members of the fairness party drew to a number at such a time as this, remarked Alderman Perry, with asperity, "It is about time to withdraw. I demand to be tried on the charges preferred and nothing else."

Drake then called upon S. Fremont Packard to state if Alderman Perry received notice of the vote instructing its representatives. Mr. Packard stated he told the alderman of the vote. Upon cross-examination by Alderman Perry, the delighted how and where this took place and stated further that he was not officially notified by the branch to notify the alderman.

Mayor Coulter was called as a witness and stated that he talks with the alderman regarding the instructions of the branch and in reply to Alderman Perry said it might have been the Wednesday evening after the vote was taken that this talk was held; he would not be sure regarding the date.

This concluded the testimony, and Alderman Perry asked for a reading of the records regarding the instructions. Secretary Caldwell read the record showing the vote, and the alderman asked if there was anything in the records to show that action was taken to officially notify him of the vote of instructions.

Chairman Malpas stated that this was not material, and that notification by any member was sufficient. Alderman Perry asked why, if that was the case, the branch took the trouble to personally present him with the charges and the chairman answered that the branch so voted on that point.

He said no official notice of the instructions of the branch had been presented to him. Referring to the by-law relative to the resignation which he asked to have read, he said that during the election campaign a blue circular was issued in which the intent of the resolutions and that by-law was explained to the people. This circular stated that the nominees of the party were "not subject to dictation by branch 3 until they had shown conclusively that they are not working in the interests of the people."

He asked if the branch was prepared to show beyond the shadow of a doubt that he had not worked conscientiously in the interests of the people in every action in the past, and he had consecrated his will to the good of the whole body of citizens in Brockton and he was prepared to stand by it. He asked if the branch was prepared to go before the people and say that the circular was a fake and a vote catcher. He believed the party must stand on the explanation of the resignation business as shown in that circular, and he had so interpreted the intention of the party. He further claimed that the by-law of the branch is in controversy with that of the state branch. He summed up by claiming that the branch must show that he was working against the interests of the people before it has the right to instruct.

Mr. Drake, for the prosecution, said the alderman was well aware that the circular referred to was gotten out in a hurry to refute certain statements made on the eve of election, and applied only to the mayor. He also said that there were no records to show that it was authorized or fostered by branch 3. He called attention to the communication in the papers of Dec. 1 last, signed by Alderman Perry, and stated to read it.

Alderman Perry objected, his protest was over-ruled by Chairman Malpas, and Alderman Perry appealed. The decision of the chair was sustained by the meeting and Mr. Drake then read the communication in which Alderman Perry over his own signature stated that he "recognized the right of the party to instruct in affairs relating to principles and welfare of the party, which he termed vital questions."

Mr. Drake said the question was one of principle with the branch, and the pledges made to the people must be kept. The point at issue might or might not be vital, but a principle was involved. The point placed before the people is his nominee, believing and trusting in their integrity. Yet to further safeguard the people the nominees were asked to place their resignations in the hands of the branch under certain agreements pertaining to these resignations contained in the by-laws. It was in pursuit of its right that the branch instructed its representatives in regard to a certain matter. The refusal to abide by the will of the branch left but one course for the branch to pursue and maintain the principle it promised the people would be fulfilled.

From the socialist standpoint individual opinion is not to be considered in opposition to the wish of the whole. "If so," he asked, "why did the alderman come before this branch and ask to be informed as to the position which he should take regarding the granting of reduced water rates to the Y. M. C. A.?"

At the close of the arguments the question came on the question as to whether the charges had been sustained and a ballot resulted as stated.

Alderman Perry at once claimed the right of appeal to the state branch. There was some discussion over this, but Chairman Malpas finally ruled that in only such cases as expulsion or suspension is the provision made for the right of appeal.

RETAINS HIS SEAT. ALDERMEN REFUSE TO ACCEPT RESIGNATION OF ALDERMAN PERRY.

(Brockton Times, April 1.)

The resignation of Alderman Elihu R. Perry of ward 4 was presented to the board of aldermen Monday evening, and it was voted, 4 to 4, not to accept it. There was a large crowd in waiting to see what action the board would take on the matter, and the dispatch with which it was turned away was apparently disappointing. There were many social democrats present, and a number of criticisms were later heard from them regarding the action of Alderman Perry, and one of the members of the board, and one of the signers of the resignation as a justice of the peace, in voting against acceptance.

The paper came to the board from the executive board of branch 3, social democratic party, where Alderman Perry was granted a hearing Friday evening on his failure to obey the instructions of the branch to vote against granting a telephone franchise, he having been found guilty. It was read by Mayor Coulter when it came up in regular order of business. It was signed by Elihu R. Perry and counter-signed by witnesses before S. L. Deal as a justice of the peace.

"The question comes on acceptance of the resignation," said Mayor Coulter after reading the paper. There were no remarks and the question was put. "Those in favor will vote yes," continued the mayor. "Not a hand was raised."

"Those opposed." There was a show of six hands, all voting except Alderman Perry. "It is not a vote," declared the mayor, and the alderman from ward 4 retains his seat.

CAREY GETS FAVORABLE VOTE

THE SOCIAL DEMOCRAT PUTS THE MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE TO TEST AND WINS OUT.

On Monday last the committee on railroads of the house of representatives reported leave to withdraw on Representative James F. Carey and F. O. MacCartney's bill to place the entire cost of abolishing grade crossings on the railroads. Representative Carey moved to substitute his bill for the committee's report and a warm debate ensued.

The Boston Journal reports the debate and vote upon the substitute as follows: "Where is the centre of gravity—of this house?"

Sure enough, where? Every representative clutched his left breast apologetically and gazed at the young socialist from Haverhill in alarm.

Mr. Carey has such a peculiarly distressing way of pressing for favor from the body. Does he say, "please," or "I trust this house will do so and so or not do so or so?" Bless your soul, not a bit of it. Oh, no, he strikes out like this, as he did the other day: "You may be a statesman, but I don't believe it."

So on Monday in the midst of an impassioned harangue, up went that quivering right index, and everybody knew that something was coming, but hardly anticipated anything so agonizing.

LEGISLATIVE LAUDICAEANS. "I am very sorry to make so unkind a remark, but so many gentlemen here have been blowing hot and cold that it leads to the necessity of this legislature determining upon a centre of political gravity, which they have not!" with ascending crescendo.

Mr. Carey declares his diagnosis with a volubility for which "Brook" is no comparison, the rush of the mill stream would hit it better. "A gentleman was talking to me of the great and general court, and at the time he continued, 'I am reminding you that it is more general than a great.' Mr. Carey's own bill which had been rejected by the committee on railroads—that to place the entire cost of making or changing grade crossings upon the railroad company or companies concerned was trembling in the balance, hence his impetuosity."

HOW CAREY "WON OUT." By a vote of 45 to 45 on a rising test, the house seemingly passed a substitution, but that was so close that a roll call was demanded, when, by 85 yeas to 67 nays, the bill was substituted for the adverse report (leave to withdraw) and placed in the orders of the day for tomorrow. Did Mr. Carey put his finger on the centre of gravity of the house?

At all events it was quite an achievement for the young man from Haverhill, who hasn't scored such a "centre" as that with all his fustianing, in a long time.

It is a sweeping measure, since railroad estimates of the proposed elevation of grades at Lynn and Salem to avoid existing grade crossings are counted in the provision of law the expense of abolishing grade crossings and lowering or elevating grades was distributed to a certain percentage to the city or town, a larger percentage to the state and the balance of the cost to the railroad company concerned. This he claimed was wrong.

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS. The abolition of grade crossings are public improvements, but so are fire escapes on hotels.

"The railroads have no more right to consideration than have hotels or shops. On the petition of Haverhill for an abolition of the grade crossings the legislature referred it to the people of Haverhill. Before the election the Boston & Maine railroad sent a circular to the home of every voter saying the act was passed by a servile and corrupt legislature."

SOCIALIST UNITY. BOSTON MEMBERS OF S. D. P. AND S. L. P. HOLD JOINT MEETING.

The Boston members of the social democratic party and the socialist-labor party held a joint meeting last Sunday afternoon and evening in Phoenix hall, 724 Washington street. About three hundred members of the party and the utmost fraternity and enthusiasm prevailed.

The meeting was held for the purpose of hearing the reports of the delegates to the Indianapolis convention and also of the Boston members of the committee on union.

MASS CONVENTION OF SOCIAL DEMOCRATS OF SIXTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT.

The social democrats of the sixth congressional district at Newburyport on Thursday, April 19th (Patriots' day), for the purpose of nominating a candidate for the congressional convention next fall.

The following program has been arranged by the county committee: 1 o'clock, meeting of county committee; 2 o'clock, congressional convention; 3 o'clock ratification meeting.

The Haverhill social democratic band will furnish music and prominent speakers will address the opening rally of the campaign.

A large and representative number of the social democrats of the district are urged to be present.

AMESBURY. The local branch of the social democratic held its annual meeting Tuesday night at the rooms in Bartlett's block, electing the following officers:

President—C. W. Greene. Vice chairman—Henry Miller. Secretary—C. E. Grieves. Treasurer—Jeremiah Reardon. Organizer—Jason Spofford.

There was a good attendance and matters of interest to the members were discussed.

REV. MR. SHELDON'S NEW STORY. It Will Begin in the Boston Daily Globe Saturday: "Edward Blake, College Student"—A Great Children's Department in the Sunday Globe.

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GUESSING.

THE CAPITALIST PRESS ARE WONDERING WHAT THE SOCIALISTS WILL DO THIS YEAR.

The nomination of Eugene V. Debs and Job Harriman for president and vice-president respectively by the united party of socialists is causing the capitalist papers a lot of worry with prospects of causing them a great deal more before election day.

It was to be expected that the Bryan democrats would raise the cry that the nomination of Debs was made to assist the republican party, when the truth is that the vote for the socialist candidates will be drawn from both the Debs and the Harriman camps.

Another strike that occurred on Monday afternoon took place at W. S. Chase & Sons' factory, when fourteen turned workmen quit because the firm refused to meet Agent Donovan, who had visited the factory with a new price list.

On Monday the cutters employed at Thayer & Maguire's quit in a body, claiming that the agreement signed by the company last week was not being lived up to.

On Tuesday afternoon thirteen employees of the Riddick shoe factory went on strike because they were ordered to handle 30 dozen a day instead of only 20 dozen as heretofore.

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WITH THE AGITATORS CAPITALISM VS. PERSONAL LIBERTY.

Representative James F. Carey addressed two meetings in Boston last Sunday afternoon, one composed of boot and shoe clerks who had met to organize a union, and the other of employees in the freight department of the N. Y. N. H. and H. railroad.

Dr. Howard A. Gibbs of Worcester spoke at a meeting on Sunday to a good audience at G. A. R. hall.

Nashua, N. H. social democrats adopted a platform at a well attended meeting last Sunday and will go into the municipal campaign.

The New York Central Federated Union passed a resolution at its last meeting congratulating the socialists and social democrats upon the adoption of their platform and endorsing their stand towards trades unions.

Over 1000 people filled Cooper Union, New York City, to overflow on the evening of Thursday, March 29, to celebrate the amalgamation of the socialist labor party and the social democratic parties.

Social democratic party reports six new branches last week as follows: Chicago, Ill.; Van Horn, Iowa; Boston, Mass.; Sherwood, Tenn.; Spokane, Wash.; Kiel, Wis.

Miss Lizzie Harlow was the lecturer at Brockton last Sunday evening. The lecture took place in Socialist hall and was largely attended.

Aaron F. Greene of Fitchburg will lecture Brockton next Sunday evening on "Socialism and its effects on women."

WITH THE AGITATORS Mayor Chase spoke in Manchester, N. H., on Wednesday night. Meeting was held in the city hall, and George Howie presided.

Representative Carey spoke before the machinists' union in Boston on Tuesday night and to a large mass meeting of striking granite cutters at Quincy on Wednesday afternoon.

THE ARENA FOR APRIL.

There are several very interesting articles on current topics in the Arena for April. Chief among them is one by C. J. Franos, of Clark university, on "Property, its Psychology and Sociology."

How the issue will finally work out is a question to be answered at the polls. If the populists can convince the socialists that Bryan is a socialist at heart who is only masquerading as something else, and if the fusion politicians can convince the democrats that they are only temporizing with the socialists in order to get their votes, then we presume there will be complete fusion in Kansas.

The Minneapolis Tribune, republican, has this to say under a heading "Keep an Eye on Debs."

The Washington Times, a good democratic paper, speaking of Debs' claim that he will poll more votes than were cast for Gen. Weaver the populist candidate, says: Gen. Weaver polled 1,000,000 votes in 1893, out of a total of less than 11,000,000.

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THE WAGE SYSTEM RENDERS THE WORKERS SLAVES TO THEIR EMPLOYERS.

By E. H. T.

One of the stock arguments of the upholders of the present regime is the claim that socialism will overthrow all personal liberty—that under the socialist system we shall all be obliged to eat, drink and be clothed at the dictates of some mysterious set of tyrants, exactly who or what we are not told.

That is all for which such arguments are made today, we shall have the same variety of food and clothing to choose from as at present, and that since the government will then be in the hands of all the people instead of being the tool of the capitalist class, nobody will have an opportunity to tyrannize over the people or thwart their wishes.

Unluckily for the reasoning of the capitalists and for the comfort of the laboring class, it happens that the working man today cannot choose what he would eat, drink and wear. Also pocket limits that, and no sumptuary laws could regulate his food and clothing more effectively and more tyrannically than low wages can govern them.

Wherefore the men are sore, and this is what a committee has to say about it.

We pay for our own uniforms, and we have to buy them from a firm designated by a commission on the suits. Also replaced with astrachan and fur. Also the pockets sag and spill money out on the floor unless we have them bound with leather.

The clothing firm figures to sell each man so many suits a year. There are men in the employ of the company who get a commission on the suits.

Here we have it. The capitalists are afraid socialism will overthrow our personal liberties, and forbid the workmen to allow their wives to mend their clothes. This is individual freedom with a vengeance.

The truth is that the American workmen in the past have enjoyed some privileges and advantages over the members of his class in other lands, from the simple reason that the country was new, and labor scarce and consequently better paid and treated with more consideration.

Let the workmen of America remember that neither of the old parties have ever uttered a word against this system. To please the middle class they have clamored loudly and more or less sincerely against the trusts; but against the wage system, not one syllable. It is quite safe to predict that all the candidates who are nominated this year, not one of them, with the exception of Eugene V. Debs and Job Harriman will come out in denunciation of the wage system.

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