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MASSACHUSETTS UNITES

Socialists in Joint Convention Nominate State Ticket and Favor Union

Charles H. Bradley for Governor and Geo. H. Wrenn for Lieutenant Governor—A Splendid Day's Work

Bearing aloft a huge crimson banner, his head erect and with eyes glistening with pride and joy, a stalwart six-foot member of the Socialist Labor party marched in front of thirty-seven comrades into the convention hall of the Social Democratic party last Sunday. Upon their appearance several hundred men and women leaped to their feet, climbed on chairs, waved handkerchiefs and hats and screamed a welcome quivering with enthusiasm and delight. The cheering rose and fell for several minutes. Then a cry went up, "Three cheers for International Socialism," and they were given with a zest that made the blood tingle. Another cry, "Three cheers for Socialist unity," then the same for "Debs and Harriman," and the assemblage calmed down.

This was the climax of the struggle that has been going on in Massachusetts for and against union of the Social Democratic and Socialist Labor parties for the past four months. It was a fitting climax and the only logical one, the only climax that could further the movement for Socialism in this state and throughout the country. There had been a bitter contest, and now that the day had arrived when the forces working for Socialism would either remain divided or join together in a common cause, the delegates of the Socialist Labor party met with their comrades of the Social Democratic party in the same hall, and together they nominated a ticket that will send the vote for Socialism in this state to a point consistent with the movement's growth and importance.

The Social Democrats who had worked for union could not help but feel a thrill of pleasure at the scene enacted when the delegates of the Socialist Labor party entered the convention hall. The scene vividly recalled that other famous one at Indianapolis in March when the committee on union of the Socialist Labor party entered the convention hall of the Social Democrats.

One S. L. P. delegate, old and gray, marched with his comrades, the tears coursing down his cheeks. This was a moment he had wished for ardently, anxiously and long, and now he was happy.

Such scenes as these live in the memory forever.

The third annual convention of the Social Democratic party of Massachusetts met in Faine's Memorial hall, Boston, on Sunday, July 8. The hall was well filled with delegates and a large number of visitors occupied the rear of the hall. Throughout the day the heat in the hall was intense and the delegates present suffered accordingly. Collars were wilted, coats were removed, handkerchiefs were soaked, and business was transacted amid the flutter of hats and papers used as fans.

The convention was called to order by Margaret Halle, state secretary. She read the call for the convention and called for nominations for temporary chairman. Charles E. Lowell and John C. Chase were nominated.

Representative James F. Carey moved that a committee of three be appointed to receive, sort and count ballots. Representative MacCartney suggested that the candidates' names be presented in their order and the vote be taken by show of hands. Secretary Halle ruled that this method prevail on the ground that the convention was not organized and it could not be determined who had a right to vote. Carey appealed from the decision of Charles Lowell to the chair to put the appeal. The appeal was sustained by a vote of 105 to 83.

A few minutes afterwards the committee returned with the delegates from the Socialist Labor party. The front seats on one side of the hall were cleared and the new comers were seated. Chairman Chase extended a hearty welcome to the S. L. P. comrades and said he hoped it would never be necessary to send a similar committee again.

Chairman Abbott of the S. L. P. convention moved that the convention endorse Eugene V. Debs as the presidential candidate and the motion went through with a whoop. An S. D. P. delegate moved that Job Harriman be endorsed as the vice presidential candidate and this motion was accorded the same treatment.

Upon motion it was unanimously voted that the joint ticket be under the name Social Democratic party.

Nominations were then called for for the state ticket. Chairman Abbott reported that the S. L. P. had nominated a ticket headed by George H. Wrenn as governor, but that they were subject to the action of the joint convention.

Representative Carey in an eloquent two-minute speech placed in nomination one who, he said, was a veteran in freedom's cause. A man whom to know was to love. One of the pioneers in the abolition movement, and one of the first legislators ever elected in New England as an Abolitionist; he had also been one of the first men elected to office in the new movement for the abolition of capitalism.

The name was greeted with loud applause. The S. L. P. nominee for governor, George H. Wrenn, said he took pleasure in seconding the nomination of Delegate Bradley.

Delegate Bradley took the floor and asked to be excused from accepting the nomination. It was a great surprise to him and he was almost overcome. He said there were duties and exertions involved in the acceptance of the nomination that required a younger man. He had never failed at the call of duty, but he thought the convention could make a better choice. He was interrupted by cries of "No No!" "You must accept." Well, if they really desired him and insisted he would accept the greatest honor ever conferred upon him in his life.

The nomination was made unanimous after one of the most impressive scenes in the convention.

The ticket was completed as follows: Lieutenant governor—George Wrenn of Springfield. Secretary of state—A. W. Barr of Worcester. State treasurer—Stephen O'Shaughnessy of Boston. State auditor—Frank Walsh of Brockton. Attorney general—J. F. Billings of Rockland. Delegates Packard, Keene and Campin were appointed a committee of fifteen presidential electors. The committee afterwards reported electors as follows:

First—Leon H. Oliver, Westfield. Second—W. H. Lawler, Springfield. Third—E. Fenner, Worcester. Fourth—John P. McDonald, Clinton. Fifth—James Wilkinson, Lawrence. Sixth—George L. Evans, Haverhill. Seventh—Ernest W. Timson, Lynn. Eighth—Willard Coney, Cambridge. Ninth—Morris Kaplan, Boston. Tenth—W. W. Packard, Quincy. Eleventh—David W. Chase, Jamaica Plain. Twelfth—Samuel Lewis Smith, Brockton. Thirteenth—William Omsorge, New Bedford. At large—Amesbury, Charles S. Grieves; Brockton, Herbert L. Wood.

Delegates MacCartney, Coulter, Putney, Mally and Oliver were elected a committee on platform and resolutions. Delegate Spero of East Boston introduced a resolution and the committee was asked to consider it.

Representative Carey moved that the two state committees act jointly, and spoke in support of the motion. Margaret Halle spoke against the motion and was followed by Delegates Mally and Putney. The motion was carried with but few dissenting votes.

The committee on resolutions reported unfavorably on the East Boston resolution, but reported favorably on a resolution calling for a joint state committee. The report of the committee was adopted in each instance.

The ballot committee reported the following elected as the state committee: W. P. Bosworth, W. P. Porter, J. C. Chase, James F. Carey, Addison W. Barr, E. W. Timson, S. E. Putney, Dr. Konikow, A. G. Clifford, A. McDonald, J. W. Sherman and C. E. Lowell.

On motion the three secretaries were instructed to prepare a report of the convention for publication in the Socialist press and for the branches. The committee on platform was instructed to act in conjunction with the state committee.

Three cheers were called for Socialist unity, Debs and Harriman and the state ticket, and the convention adjourned sine die at 8.10 p. m.

THE OTHER CONVENTION

WHAT THE SOCIALIST LABOR DELEGATES DID DOWNSTAIRS.

The Socialist Labor delegates did not take so much time to transact business as was consumed by the larger body. The latter was still discussing the report of its committee on credentials when the Socialist Labor men and women had done their work and awaited notice from upstairs on the question of amalgamation.

The convention began at 10.40, with T. P. Abbott of Worcester as chairman, and L. H. Oliver of Westfield as secretary.

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