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INJUNCTION SERVED.

ANTI-SOCIALISTS RESORT TO THE COURTS TO PREVENT MUNICIPAL CONSTRUCTION AND DAY LABOR UPON MONUMENT STREET SCHOOL HOUSE

Beaten at every point in their efforts to prevent the erection of the Monument street schoolhouse by day labor, the anti-socialists in the city government resorted to the courts and on Wednesday last the Socialist members of the legal committee were enjoined by Judge Sherman at Salem from proceeding with the work upon the building.

Were there no principal at stake in this controversy it is doubtful if the Social Democrats would contest the case much further. So far as public opinion goes, the Social Democrats have much the best of argument.

That principle is the right of the municipality to erect its public buildings directly without the intervention of contractors and by day labor paid union wages under union conditions.

The Social Democrats accept office with a definite purpose in view, i. e. the administration of governmental affairs so that the condition of the working class can be improved and better opportunities afforded them for their development and finally the overthrow of a system which fosters classes and class antagonisms and the substitution thereof of a system of co-operative production and distribution.

The politicians of the capitalist parties expressed in Haverhill in the term, anti-Socialists, seek and hold office for the purpose of using the governmental functions for the benefit of themselves individually and the capitalist class generally.

The Social Democrats are in favor of the city erecting all public buildings direct, with the employment of day labor under the system which because it means a good building properly and safely constructed for the city and a guarantee of fair consideration for the men employed.

It is doubtful if ever the two forces representative of progress and retrogression in modern political and industrial life were so matched in a bitter struggle as they are in Haverhill today.

The labor of a large class. The other body believes that no man has the right to live upon the labor of his fellow men, nor that a class should be privileged to support another class.

The Monument street school house controversy exists because the anti-Socialists desire a perpetuation of the system of contracting which admits of profits, labor skimming and jobbery.

EXCURSION

S. D. P. BRANCH AND WOMEN'S CLUB WILL HOLD ONE TO SALISBURY BEACH AUGUST 11.

At the meeting of the S. D. P. branch on Wednesday evening the report of the committee on excursion was accepted and the following recommendation adopted: That a committee be run for 25 cents to Salisbury beach on the steamer Merrimack on Saturday, August 11, afternoon and evening, home by moonlight.

LYNN.

PREPARATIONS FOR PICNIC AT OAK ISLAND GROVE.

Although the hot weather continues, Lynn is still in harness and is making preparations for a vigorous campaign.

At the regular business of the branch last evening a good attendance was present and business was done with a rush.

The work of the evening consisted mostly of reports of committees. The entertainment committee gave a full report of the finances of that committee during its existence, the receipts were \$348.50, expenditures \$330.01, leaving a balance in the committee's possession of \$18.49.

The picnic at Oak Island grove next Saturday promises to be one of the most successful affairs ever conducted at that popular resort.

W. H. Hitchcock, Press Com. Lynn, July 17, 1900.

THE STATE COMMITTEE.

The state committee of the S. D. P. and S. L. P. in Massachusetts met last Saturday evening in Boston and permanent organization was completed.

ENVIRONMENT.

Men and women are not naturally bad. The doctrine of total depravity was long since abandoned. The criminal tendencies in heredity have been overrated.

Tobacco workers state that 79 factories now use the union label.

"PROSPERITY" IN LAWRENCE

WHAT THE WORKERS OF THE MILL CITY ARE SUFFERING THROUGH SOCIALISM.

Editor Haverhill Social Democrat: The Lawrence branch held its regular meeting Sunday evening at its headquarters, and although the attendance was small, a great deal of enthusiasm was manifested.

With but few exceptions our members are perfectly satisfied with the outcome and we feel that better work can and will be done with a united party.

The Social Democrats of Lawrence number nearly a hundred, and 60 per cent are active workers for the cause. We will surprise the capitalist parties this fall with our vote, which conservative men place at 1000.

The opportunities for advancing the cause of Socialism were never better in Lawrence than at present, because the head of another family of six, consisting of mother and four daughters, have only been able to secure 24 days' work in seven weeks, although they have scoured the city from one end to the other.

Thousands of wage earners waited at the gates of the factories this morning, waiting for admittance, but all had to turn homeward for another week-to-live or starve, the manufacturers cared not which.

This is in a city where Social Democracy does not prevail and where labor agitation does not frighten the manufacturers, and where all the factories are running on full time, but one exception. Such conditions do not keep the wage earners away, however.

JAMES A. WILKINSON, Lawrence, Mass., July 16.

SPECIAL MEETING.

The Women's Social Democratic club will hold a special meeting at Beal's dye house, on Merrimack street, next Tuesday evening at eight o'clock.

AT SPRINGFIELD

THE NATIONAL PROVISIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE UNITED PARTY HOLDS FIRST MEETING.

The national provisional committee of the united party met in Springfield on last Saturday evening. Those present were Hillquit, Slobodin, Butcher, Phillips, Chase, Jones, Fenna and White. Kaplan and Loneragan were absent.

A report of the vote by the S. D. P. on the unity conference report was submitted by Butcher. The highest vote cast on the report was 1107, an increase of nearly 200 over the vote for union on the manifesto.

Chase was elected chairman of the meeting and Slobodin secretary.

William Butcher of Brooklyn was elected permanent secretary of the committee, his duties beginning immediately.

Secretary was ordered to notify all branches of change in headquarters and national committee and requesting them to report to same.

The official report of the proceedings of the committee has not been received at this writing, but will probably be in time for next week's issue.

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J. F. BILLINGS of Rockland.

CAUSES AND
CONDITIONS.

A clever correspondent to the Gas-
ette placed that paper in rather a
tight place one day last week in a
communication upon the agitation con-
ducted by the Gazette against the labor
organizations and Socialists of the city.

The Gazette says we have "facts, not
theories, to confront us," and proceeds
to say that other cities are enticing
manufacturers away from the city, and
there must be some reason for it.

Without a doubt this is a ques-
tion of allowing the manufactur-
ers of Haverhill to exploit their em-
ployees out of every cent their money-
grabbing souls desire. This same
question is agitating capitalists, not
alone in Haverhill, but everywhere.

The great, unspoken thought of all
capitalists is to buy labor power as

cheaply as the laborer will let them
buy it. There is a constant struggle
going on the world over between the
class who own the means by which an-
other class who own nothing, the
working class, must secure a liveli-
hood. And the one class is ever on
the alert to prevent the other class
from obtaining advantage or making
progress. The working class have or-
ganized into trade unions the better to
fight their battles and these trade
unions are openly and secretly fought
by the capitalist class. Here in Haver-
hill, the class conscious spirit of the
workers has displayed itself to the ex-
tent of supporting a political party of
their class in addition to organizing
into trade unions. This recognition
of their class interests in a political
sense is not at all encouraging to the
capitalists of Haverhill, for they see
in it a new danger for their class.

The facts are, that the shoe business
has been exceptionally dull in every
shoe city in New England. The in-
creasing capacity of new machinery is
making the season for making shoes
shorter every year, by glutting the
market faster than the consumer can
buy. For the same reason the small
capitalist is finding it harder and
harder to compete with the competitor
of greater capital who is continually
securing the latest improved machinery
and who can produce and sell shoes
cheaper in the market. The small cap-
italist is being choked by competition
and the only hope he has of continu-
ing in business is to reduce the cost
of the labor power contained in the
factory's product. If the laborers are
organized he will be compelled to give
up the fight or go somewhere where
he thinks labor can be bought cheaper.

It is a peculiar fact that with all the
fuss and bluster of the Gazette, the
departures from Haverhill are hardly
discernible. The manufacturers may
despise the labor conditions existing
here, but they are particularly careful
not to leave Haverhill, as they say
they intend to. Which in itself is
proof that what is really desired is the
disruption of the trades unions and the
Socialist movement of the city.

The shoe business is dull everywhere
in New England this year. Factories
are not running in the shoe towns,
shipments are light and surplus stocks
remain heavy. The prosperity sup-
posed to exist throughout the country
does not permit of the purchase of
shoes evidently or else the people are
going barefooted. The Boston Times
calls attention to the fact that the shoe
manufacturers and jobbers are among
the hottest hustlers for expansion, be-
lieving that civilizing the Filipinos and
Chinese will mean markets for shoes.

There is little likelihood that the Ga-
zette's reiteration of its already thread-
bare misstatements about causes and
conditions in Haverhill will reap for it
other than an increase of contempt
among the working people who are
generous and forbearing enough to
still read and support it.

The first number of the International
Socialist Review is an excellent fore-
runner of what we may expect from
succeeding issues. All the articles are
good, particularly "Plutocracy or
Democracy," by W. T. Brown, and
"Karl Marx and the Money Question,"
by Marcus Hitch, the latter especially
being entitled to attention, because the
author is daring enough to disagree
with Marx's views on money. H. M.
Hyndman of England, Jean Longuet
of France and Prof. Emile Vinck
of Belgium contribute interesting articles
on the movement in their respective
countries.

Max Hayes writes on
"Trades Unions and Socialism," than
whom no one is more competent. The
editorials by Comrade Simons are like
all he does, virile, able and far seeing.
A review of this kind has long been
needed and now that it has appeared the
Socialists of America should give it
their hearty support. The appear-
ance is modern and the typographical
work altogether pleasing and creditable.
The International Socialist Re-
view can be purchased at all newsstands
for ten cents a copy, or can be ordered
from this office at the rate of \$1.00 a
year, including a year's subscription to
this paper. See notice elsewhere.

While you are sweating and frying
and cursing the heat don't forget that
in all the large cities thousands of
children are dying like flies in winter
for lack of proper nourishment to sus-
tain them. Think for a moment how
you would like to have your children
or your baby brother and sister suffer
the torments of hell in the closely-
packed, noisome, foul-smelling slums of
the metropolitan cities. Remember that
these children are of the poor only and
that their parents labor is what per-
mits the seaside and mountain resorts
to be thronged by the capitalist and
middle classes. And if you think
it right that these children of
the poor should have to suffer this
way and that the offspring of the other
classes are entitled only to enjoy the
things which make life endurable
in summer time, then vote for McKin-

ley and Roosevelt or for Bryan and
Stevenson. If you think differently
vote as you think—for Debs and Har-
rivan.

The killing of a man on the Wash-
ington street grade crossing last Sat-
urday night follows naturally upon the
delay in carrying out the expressed
will of the citizens of Haverhill. On
the question of the abolition of grade
crossings the referendum vote regis-
tered a large majority for abolition.
Since that time the state grade cross-
ing commissioners have been holding
hearings, listening to arguments pro
and con from individuals as to
whether the crossings should be abo-
lished or not. The B. & M. railroad
has been represented by an attorney
at these hearings and he has done
everything possible to prolong the
agony. Nothing could more plainly
show the absurdity of allowing the dis-
pensation of the law to remain in the
hands of the servitors of the capitalist
class. This case also illustrates the
impotency of the referendum so long
as the enforcement of the referendum
decision is left to the pleasure of those
whose material interests may be at
stake. The grade crossings are a
standing menace to the people of the
city, and the people have said, "abolish
them." Everybody knows that, and
yet we have a commission solemnly
holding sessions to discover reasons
why grade crossings should be abo-
lished! Of course, abolition means in-
creased expenditures for the poor Bos-
ton & Maine railroad, but one human
life is worth more than all the mil-
lions the B. & M. has corralled from
the people of Massachusetts.

The Good Government club, the local
Tammany Hall, of Haverhill, has sent
a letter to Bryan and Stevenson con-
gratulating them upon their nomina-
tion and pledging their support. This
is the club that delights to work hand
in hand with the republicans to "down
the Socialists" of Haverhill, and yet
they can see their way clear to support
Bryan and to endorse the democratic
platform. This is because in Haver-
hill the political lines are drawn taut
between the capitalist class and the
working class, the exploiters and the
exploited, and Mr. Bryan represents
the large horde of small capitalists
who want to continue skinning the
working class. There is a pointer in
this for those throughout the country
who are supporting Mr. Bryan because
he is reported to be a "Socialist, too."
There are no republicans or democ-
rats in local politics. There are only
Socialists and anti-Socialists, and re-
publicans, democrats, prohibitionists
and various others make up the last
named aggregation.

The gentleman who represented
Haverhill at the democratic conven-
tion in Kansas City wisely imparted
the information to the good govern-
ment club the other evening that "the
west was not so much affected with
Socialism as Socialists would make
the people believe." Mr. McNamara
was three or four days in Kansas
City mingling with a mob of democ-
ratic politicians, and we are not sur-
prised he did not find many Socialists
in the west. Socialists are conspicu-
ously absent from capitalist conven-
tions, although the reported condition
of the Massachusetts delegation would
justify the suspicion that it would be
difficult for the members to tell the
difference between a Socialist and a
Bryan supporter—and the men who
can't do that are in a bad plight.

How remote the Dave Hills,
Dick Crokers, Van Wycks, Grady's
and Cholly Knickerbockers make
the days of Tilden seem!—Hartford
Courant.

On the Mark Hannas, the Matt
Quays, the Tom Flatts, the Ad-
dicks and the Lemuel Fall Quiggs,
the days of Lincoln.—Fall River
Globe.

AND WE'RE ONLY BEGINNING.
It is really refreshing to read
the Haverhill Social Democrat, to
see the way that its editor hauls
the plutocratic set of New England
over the coals. The editors have
had lots of fun in years gone by in
poking fun at the populists of the
west, picturing them out with
billy goat whiskers on their chins,
and they would do it without fear,
as there was no one to reply. But
now it seems by the way they
squirm that they are having trou-
bles of their own.—Newcastle, Pa.,
Tribune.

In the list of those whom the Gazette
says are in politics in Haverhill for
peff and who do not count for any-
thing, is the Gazette itself. And none
assumes more authority and consti-
tutes a smaller cipher than the egotist
mouthpiece of the capitalist politicians
of this city.

The citizens of Exeter, N. H., held a
public meeting one day last week to
discuss "prosperity" and to try and
find the reason why manufacturers
were leaving the city. Various causes
were assigned but oddly enough no one
suggested that labor agitation in Ha-

verhill was the cause of the trouble.
Now if there were any Socialists in
office in Exeter there would be no dif-
ficulty in discovering why business is
dull there.

Quay of Pennsylvania received an
enthusiastic reception in the republi-
can national convention. Clark of
Montana fared the same in the democ-
ratic national convention. Both are
types of the very worst features of the
capitalist system. What will it bene-
fit a workman to vote for the party
that tolerates and supports either of
them?

Mayor John C. Chase, Aldermen Park
Flanders and Louis M. Scates, Council-
man James H. Hillgrove and Super-
intendent Harry R. Longley are the
names specified in the injunction
against the legal schoolhouse commit-
tee. They are not the only workmen
who have made the acquaintance
of an injunction.

The whip industry is reported in a
bad way out in Westfield. Never in
many months has business been so
dull as at present. Factories have
shut down and others are planning to
run on short time this summer. And
yet there are no Socialists in office in
Westfield. Funny, isn't it?

The Haverhill Social Democrat has
received a number of excellent pam-
phlets against the South African war
published by the "Stop the War" com-
mittee of England. The pamphlets
were sent by a French comrade in
Constantinople, Turkey.

The five cent ice law does not become
effective for 30 days from the date of
enactment. The companies will make
good use of that 30 days, and the
summer will be well on the wane when
the law takes effect.

The capitalist press of the state are
notably silent editorially on the union
of the Socialists. Very few papers
have commented upon the matter,
though there would have been plenty to
say had the late convention acted any
other way than it did.

The world is about to witness the
spectacle of a war which will be un-
paralleled in extent and ferocity. And
the world's workers will foot the bills
and shed the blood in this war as in all
others.

Capitalist governments do not love
the gospel well enough to die in its de-
fence. But the gospel provides a good
pretext to permit them to war about
something else—profits for instance.

The brand of Socialism advocated by
the Social Democrats is real enough not
to meet with the approval of the cap-
italist Gazette, for which we
heartily congratulate ourselves.

The republicans are abusing Car-
negie, which means, we suppose,
that the latter's coffers have been
closed to Marcus A.—Haverhill
Evening Sun.
And opened to Bryan.

The York cloth mills of Saco, Me.,
are reported going to shut down to
curtail production. Probably this
is to show the mill operatives the bale-
ful effects of Socialism in Haverhill.

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