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WHY AND WHEN SOCIALISM WILL COME

Answers to Several Opinions Expressed by Doubters.

"JONATHAN STILLWATER" in the Terre Haute Teller.

Many people have expressed to me the following belief:

1. There seems to be something wrong in society. Selfishness dominates it.
2. Socialism is right and ought to rule the country.
3. In several generations, when people's moral convictions are awakened, Socialism will come. But as human nature is at present, Socialism is impossible. We have only to endure and be patient, and live in the hope that our civilization or our children's children may see the advent of the Social Democracy.

Viewing the situation in this way it is not surprising that they go on in the old channel, voting the same old ticket, relegating all hope of happiness or justice for mankind to a future generation or to the next world. They have made up their minds to continue in the struggle; to get all they can out of it.

I shall endeavor to show that this view is entirely wrong and is based upon a misunderstanding of the real nature of Socialism.

First of all let me say that Socialism is not based upon the moral views of the people. It is primarily an economic question. I am glad to say that Socialism accords perfectly with the highest ideals of morals and religion, but the ground of its development is our economic life.

Chattel slavery was not abolished primarily because of the moral conviction that it was wrong, but because it brought about an economic struggle between the North and South. The slave-holders of the South were in favor of slavery because they thought it was to their material interests. The Northern people were against it because it was against their material interests. It was a struggle of economics and the stronger side was victorious.

Feudalism fell, not because the people thought it wrong for the lord to buy and sell human beings along with his estate, just as he did the horses and cattle; but because the towns grew rapidly and the business man of the town became stronger than the feudal lord. The invention of gunpowder enabled the town to throw off the lord's tyranny.

But let us turn to our own case, the struggle between Socialism and capitalism. If Socialism had to wait until the people saw that competitive society is wrong, I, too, should relegate its advent to the future world. But it does not have to wait for that. The time is now at hand when men are forced to look at Socialism as a cold business proposition. Let us take a glance at the business situation today. Competition has almost competed itself out of existence. We have had three kinds of competition, viz.:
1. Competition among capitalists.
2. Competition among laborers.
3. Competition between capitalists and laborers.

Let us see what the logical outcome of this competition is: In the competition of the capitalists "the race is to the strong." In business it is the man who commands the largest means that succeeds. The manufacturer who can put in the largest plant can curtail expenses most, and drive his competitor from the field. This struggle has led to concentration of capital and to the formation of the trust. Practically all the necessities of life are now controlled by trusts. These trusts must ultimately combine into one giant trust. This is the logical outcome of concentration in capital. Concentration is displacing competition. Competition among laborers for a job will ultimately reduce wages to the starvation point. This is the fundamental law of wages. Wages will certainly descend to that point at which the laborer can eke out a mere

animal existence and perpetuate his species. It must ultimately reduce the laborer to "the man with the hoe," if he persisted in long enough. Trade unions may sustain wages temporarily and in spots, but they cannot gain a lasting victory. I would by no means discourage trade unions. I heartily endorse them, but let us all bear in mind that they are only a liniment and not a cure for our social disease. Bear in mind, then, that competition among laborers will finally lead to wages that will support only an animal existence for the laborer.

2. The struggle between capitalists and laborers is shown by the numerous strikes, lockouts, etc. that are daily going on in this "prosperous" country. To any one who reads the papers I need not mention the street car strikes in St. Louis, in New York and Brooklyn, in Cleveland and other places, the Chicago lock-out, etc.

If the struggle among capitalists continues until the necessities of life are all controlled by one great trust, and the competition among laborers continues until they are reduced to the mere animal plane, there will still remain the struggle between the great mass of suffering humanity on the one hand and the economic despot on the other. If it is allowed to come to this, who can doubt that the people will displace the tyrant and collectively take charge of the business of the country, and run it for the benefit of all the people. When that happy day shall come, man will for the first time in the history of the ages be FREE. Concentration proceeds at an ever increasing pace and it will very soon reach its logical result, one great trust.

Competition among the laborers will not continue until the laborer is reduced wholly to the animal plane. The laborer will awaken to their interest before it comes to that. Already the laborers of the civilized world are becoming conscious of their grand mission that they are to perform in the world's history. This mission is nothing less than the emancipation of the human race from every form of slavery. When they become fully conscious of this mission the horrible nightmare of capitalism will be at an end.

Why will Socialism come? Not primarily because men desire it from a moral standpoint; it will come as the natural fruit of the tree of competition. Socialism is the next stage in the evolution of society. It will come like the kingdom of heaven. "First the blade, then the ear, and after that the full corn in the ear." It will come because it MUST come. We cannot escape it if we will. The active forces that are bringing it about are the invention of machinery and the formation of trusts on the one hand, and the organization and discontent of labor on the other.

When will it come? Just as soon as the laboring people, both of hand and brain, awake to their true interests and vote it in. Already Germany polled 2,250,000 Socialist votes—more than any other one party there. In America there were 90,000 votes cast in 1898. In the election in Paris a few days ago the Socialist party took the lead, polling 142,981 votes, the next strongest party was the nationalists, which polled 122,000. In France there are over 1,500,000 Socialist votes. For my own part, I fully believe that in ten years from today this country will be a Social Democracy. Let us do our duty. The only peaceful way to bring it about is through the ballot. Talk for it, work for it, but above all VOTE for it. Now is the time for action.

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SUPREME COURT

WILL DECIDE WHICH COMMITTEE WILL BUILD THE MONUMENT STREET SCHOOL-HOUSE — CITIZENS PROTEST.

Through a petition filed by the attorneys of the anti-Socialists, the supreme court issued a writ of mandamus upon Mayor Chase, compelling him to recognize the second committee as the committee to carry out the order for the erection of the Monument street school house.

The hearing on the petition was held in Boston on Tuesday before Judge Loring. United States Attorney Boyd B. Jones appeared for the anti-Socialists, and Lawyer George B. Anderson for Mayor Chase, and City Solicitor Pearl for the city. A decision is expected in a few days.

In the meantime no work is being done on the school house. On Thursday of last week a mass meeting of the Monument street school district was held and a large number of residents attended. The sentiment of the meeting was largely in favor of the Socialist committee.

Mr. John MacGibbon acted as chairman of the meeting and spoke as follows:

"Citizens of ward five. It is a sad commentary on the condition of political affairs in our city when it is found necessary to meet as we are meeting tonight to demand justice and fair play of those who have been selected by the suffrages of their fellow citizens to conduct the affairs of our city. Yet it is a duty which every one of us as citizens is bound to perform. Our interests, our welfare and the future of our children is being juggled with by those whose duty it is to faithfully and impartially guard our interests. We have petitioned, we have pleaded, we have demanded that we be used as honorable citizens are entitled to be used, and yet we are compelled to meet tonight to register our protest against being made a football of for scheming politicians, seeking to perpetuate a system of political trickery.

Our children have in the past, and it looks as if in the future will have to go without proper school facilities, while our city fathers are appealing to the courts to uphold their stand for the contract system.

Those who have attempted to look after our interests have been prevented from doing so by those who should be the last to adopt such a method of peanut politics. We want our school house built, and it is our solemn duty to demand of those who are responsible for the delay in its construction that they cease the obstructionist tactics and allow the construction of the building which we demand on Monument street to be completed.

Let us as citizens of this district, knowing our needs and our rights, demand in no uncertain terms here tonight that our children's future welfare be no longer made the plaything of childish politicians."

An opinion was read from Lawyer Rufus P. Tapley relative to the powers of the board of health in the matter of the children of the district continuing to attend at the old school house, the unsanitary condition of which was held to be responsible for the large amount of sickness among the children. It was Mr. Tapley's opinion that the board of health had jurisdiction in the matter.

There was some discussion on the opinion and upon the following resolutions, which were adopted:

"To the Honorable Members of the City Council:

"Gentlemen—Whereas, we, the citizens and taxpayers of Monument street ward five, recognize the facts: 1st, the need of a new school building; 2d, money was appropriated for said building; 3d, the building of the school house has been commenced and nearly completed; 4th, brick and lumber bought by his honor the mayor and special committee. Therefore we recognize in the work that has been done on Monument street school grounds and building the fulfillment of the promise of his honor Mayor Chase made to us last winter that we should have a new building if it lay in his power. Therefore

"Resolved, we, the taxpayers and parents of Monument street school district, would respectfully request your honorable body to stop playing politics and permit the school building to be completed by the committee appointed by his honor Mayor Chase."

"To the Citizens of Haverhill:

"We, the citizens and parents of the Monument street school district, ward five, would respectfully request you to lay aside all thoughts of every thing but the greatest good for the greatest number, the responsibilities of American citizenship. We believe it to be the duty of every citizen to think the loftiest thoughts and to act out their thoughts. We find our inspiration in the founders of the nation, and it is the duty of every American citizen to defend their liberties whenever they are assailed, and one of the grandest thoughts that we find is that of the Free Public Schools for All and a Seat for Every Child; and therefore as we much need and have repeatedly petitioned our city fathers for a new school building, which has been granted us after much delay, we would therefore request the citizens and parents of Haverhill to protest against any further delay in the building of the Monument street school house, and that our city fathers shall stop their political games over our schools. Let our motto be, Free Public Schools Forever out of Politics."

A petition is also being circulated to be presented to the city council requesting that the construction of the school house be continued by the first or Socialist committee.

OLD-TIME EXCURSION.

TO BE GIVEN BY SOCIAL DEMOCRATS ON AUGUST 11.

The excursion to Salisbury beach on the setamer Merrimac, arranged by the Social Democrats of Haverhill, promises to be one of the events of the season. The party members in Amesbury, Lawrence, Newburyport, Georgetown, Merrimac and West Newbury will participate, and a large crowd is expected.

Besides the beautiful ride down the river, for which the exceedingly cheap rate of 25 cents for the round trip has been made, there will be dancing on the boat, the first time this has occurred in years. This will recall the old-time excursions which used to be held years ago.

The boat will leave Haverhill twice, at 2:10 in the afternoon and 7:30 at night. It will leave on the last from Black Rocks at 11 a. m. Supper will be served by the S. D. arrangement committee at Black Rocks. Music will be provided by the Haverhill Social Democratic band.

Every member of the party and sympathizers and friends should attend the excursion and help to make Socialist day at the beach a memorable one. Tickets are only 25 cents for the round trip.

MICHIGAN UNITES.

The first state convention of the Social Democratic party was held in Michigan on Tuesday, July 24. Delegates were present from locals of both the Social Democratic and Socialist Labor parties. Charles Erb of Detroit acted as temporary chairman and Clarence Neely temporary secretary. Henry Ramsey of Battle Creek was permanent chairman.

A strong set of resolutions were adopted reciting the class struggle, the necessity for political action by the working class, and calling upon all Socialists to unite under one banner. The party's position toward the trades unions was reaffirmed. The New York unity conference report was endorsed and the provisional national executive committee at Springfield recognized. Debs and Harriman were endorsed as was also the joint platform of the united party.

A full ticket of presidential-electors was nominated and the following state ticket was selected:

For governor—Henry Ramsey, Battle Creek.
For lieutenant governor—Clayton J. Lamb, Dryden, Lapeer county.
For secretary of state—Joseph Dyck, Detroit.

For state treasurer—Albert Eynon, Saginaw.

For auditor general—David C. Hendricks, Saginaw.

For commissioner of state land office—John D. Hunt, Jonesville, Hillsdale county.

For attorney general—Geo. A. Eastman, Detroit.

For superintendent of public instruction—Miss Rose McBrearty, Detroit.

For member of state board of education—Joseph Carr, Saginaw.

A state central committee was selected with headquarters at Saginaw. The actions of the convention are subject to ratification by the locals in the state.

Max S. Hayes of Cleveland addressed the convention and aroused much enthusiasm. The convention was harmonious and quite a success.

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For President: Eugene V. Debs Of Indiana.

For Vice President: Job Harriman Of California.

ELECTORS: At Large: CHARLES S. GRIEVES, Amesbury.

- List of electors including HERBERT L. WOOD, BROCKTON; First-LEON H. OLIVER, Westfield; Second-W. H. LAWLER, Springfield; Third-C. E. FENNER, Worcester; Fourth-JOHN P. McDONALD, Clinton; Fifth-JAMES A. 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 OLMESBORGE, New Bedford.

STATE TICKET: For Governor: CHARLES H. BRADLEY of Haverhill.

For Lieutenant Governor: GEORGE WRENN of Springfield.

For Secretary of State: ADDISON W. BARR of Worcester.

For State Treasurer: STEPHEN O'SHAUGHNESSY, Boston.

For State Auditor: FRANK L. WALSH of Brockton.

For Attorney General: J. F. BILLINGS of Rockland.

NOW FOR THE CAMPAIGN.

Elsewhere in this issue will be found an address of the Provisional National Executive Committee of the Social Democratic party to the members thereof.

It must be apparent to everyone that the unfortunate controversy of the past four months has mitigated to some degree against an active propaganda of the Socialist principles.

We are living in stirring times, and even the most ignorant are awakening to a realization of the changing condition of things.

The capitalist press are compelled to discuss measures where before they abused men. The people, the working people especially, are tired of being tricked and humbugged.

president or capitalist, obstructs rather than advances the cause of the oppressed. The people, the working people, crowned or uncrowned, may be there still remain others to take the vacant place and continue where the dispatched left off.

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Some good advice. The Gazette of Tuesday contained a letter signed 'Real Estate' which throws a flood of light upon the instincts and motives of those who exploit labor in this vicinity.

Predictions verified. The members of the street committee are having a cat and dog time over appropriations for their respective wards.

The facts are, and it may as well be known now as later, that this 'business administration' of the anti-Socialists is going to show more downright extravagance than any previous one.

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Haverhill Shoe Workers' Union, No. 3, Thursday.

Haverhill Shoe Workers' Union, No. 4, Friday.

Typographical Union, first Monday in each month.

Box Makers' Union, every other Tuesday.

Barbers' Union, every other Monday.

Leathers' Union, every Friday night.

Bricklayers' Union, every Monday night, 201 Washington street.

Horse Shoers' Union, every other Friday night, 201 Washington street.

Shoemakers' Union, every other Sunday.

Central Labor Union, every other Sunday.

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NEW HAMPSHIRE ITEMS.

Owing to a mistake in residence, the S. D. P. executive committee were obliged to place a new candidate for congress in the second district (both nominees were residents of the first) and Comrade Whitehouse of Dover failed to accept the nomination, the ticket now stands: Southwick in first, and Comrade Harris Towle of Nashua in the second district. As one of the nominees for elector also failed to accept after three notifications by Comrade Minard, secretary of the S. L. P. state committee, the ticket was completed with Ezekiel Simon of Nashua. Nomination papers are now in circulation and being rapidly signed.

A campaign of education in Sullivan county will be followed by mailing circulars to a selected list setting forth the advantage of voting for what you want in the matter of principle even if you don't get it, rather than voting for what you don't want in the vain hope of "saving your vote."

Comrade George Howie, secretary of the state committee, is pushing the work of securing signatures to nomination papers and at the same time placing subscriptions to the Social Democrat and the Appeal. Public meetings are being planned and anyone wishing for speakers should write either to J. H. Bartlett, Bedford, N. H., organizer, or George Howie, 252 Bridge street, Manchester, N. H., secretary of the state committee.



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LOCAL NOTES.

After a stormy session on Wednesday evening last, the school board elected Allison E. Tuttle of Chicopee principal of the high school at a salary of \$2500 a year, an increase of \$100.

Agent Donovan of the shoe council announced on Wednesday that he had posted a new turned work price list at the factory of G. W. Belanger in Lynn, where twenty workmen secured a 10 per cent increase in wages. The employees at that factory are members of the local union.

STATE NOTES.

John T. Harding of Haverhill spoke at Lynn beach in Mayor Chase's place last Sunday and at Brockton on Friday evening.

Mayoh's clerk Albert Gillen was the principal speaker for the Social Democratic platform on Boston Common last Sunday.

F. G. R. Gordon speaks on Boston Common next Sunday from the Social Democratic platform; also at Lynn beach the same afternoon, and at Seabrook on Monday evening.

The Maine plan of organizing local Social Democrat clubs to crystallize the work in places where branches do not exist, is a good one, only insist that the state house at Concord and the seed sown cannot fall to bear fruit in November. The Concord comrades are hustling and will have a city ticket in the field.

WITH THE AGITATORS

W. E. Farmer is stumping Texas for Debs and Harriman.

Texas has at least two first class Socialist papers in the Farmers' Review of Bonham and the Labor Journal of Dallas. The former is the organ of the Social Democratic party in Texas, and the latter is a trade union paper, which prints Socialist articles of the best kind.

Eugene V. Debs is advertised as one of the speakers at Chicago Labor day.

Max S. Hayes will be the Labor day orator at Terre Haute, Ind.

Thos. Berford is touring California for the S. D. P.

Job Harriman is speaking to big audiences in Illinois.

One of the representatives to the great general court in Boston is reported to have said that the legislature did not need to hold a mock session this year to wind up with. There is much comment on the frequency with which representatives would vote one day and then next day or soon after change their votes, as on the Westminister chambers bill, the B. & A. lease bill, and others. The Springfield Republican correspondent gives the two representatives elected by the Social Democratic party—MacCartney and Carey—credit for their brave stand for principle throughout the session. They were evidently the special representatives of the people against private monopoly.—Warren Herald.

The democratic party is pledged to break up the trusts, but keeps the way in which it will be done a profound secret.

E. Val Putnam of St. Louis will make an agitation tour of Missouri.

NASHUA, N. H.

The Social Democrats of Nashua, N. H., have nominated M. H. O'Neil for mayor and adopted a strong platform. An active campaign is being carried on, and large crowds are attending the meetings. Reports say that the old parties seem to be worried, as the papers are attacking the Socialists savagely. O'Neil is the first laboring man to be a candidate for mayor in Nashua. The platform calls for municipal ownership of public utilities "to be used for bettering and improving the working class"; union labor with union wages, and eight hours to be employed on all public works; the union label to be used on all printing; abolition of the contract system through direct employment by the city; municipality to provide work for the unemployed; free public baths, playgrounds, gymnasiums, etc., in the working class districts; free school books and clothing for children when necessary; free meals for school children if necessary; establishment of a municipal employment office; establishment of a municipal fire insurance.

The Social Democrats of Concord, N. H., have nominated a municipal ticket.

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