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### MAYOR CHASE'S VIEWS.

HE TALKS ON HIS RENOMINATION—SAYS HE DOES NOT CONTROL SOCIAL DEMOCRACY—HE IS CONTENT TO LET THE PEOPLE DECIDE MAYORALTY

(From the Haverhill Gazette, Friday, November 16)

Mayor Chase was seen by a Gazette reporter this morning and was asked for a statement relative to the local political situation now that he is again a candidate. Said he:

"Yes, I have been renominated and it is very gratifying to me to know that the renomination came without one dissenting vote. I have refrained from talking up to this time for the simple reason that I was not a candidate for re-election until I was nominated by the Social Democratic party. It has been said several times in your paper that I had control of the Social Democratic party and would do as I pleased with the nomination, and that I would not accept the nomination if certain candidates were nominated by the republican party. This is so absurd on the face of it that I would not pay any attention to it, were it not true that there are those who are inclined to believe whatever appears in the papers against a candidate for political office. But let me tell you that no one dictates the nominations of the Social Democratic party, and I have been nominated, in convention assembled, not because I wished it so, but because the party believed the people of Haverhill looked upon me as the logical candidate, and for the further reason that I have been twice elected mayor of this city with a small minority of the same political faith as myself with me, and that I should be elected with the power given me to show whether I am fitted or unfitted to be mayor of this city.

"While there are undoubtedly those who, owing to the fact that only one man ever succeeded in being elected mayor a third time, consider the third term unpopular, they also believe that this is not a question of a third term, or even second term, but a question of the first term as mayor with the chance to prove to the people of Haverhill whether this city can be governed rightly or not.

"I have only this to say at this time on that question, and that is that I believe the spirit of fair play and justice to any man elected to office, as I have been, with my hands tied by an unreasonable majority entitled me to the support of those who have voted for me in the past so that I may be elected with the power to carry out those measures which I have stood and fought for and which are still unsettled, and to show to the people of Haverhill whether I am a success or failure as mayor of this city.

"I might add this right here, that I have been twice elected mayor and have been nominated for the third term and have never yet asked a single individual to vote for me personally

### THE HAVERHILL EXPERIMENT.

UNIQUE IN AMERICA—ITS DIFFERENCE FROM REFORM MOVEMENTS.

(From the New York People.)

Now that the general election is over the comrades in the Massachusetts cities are devoting all their energies to the municipal campaign, which will end early in December. The result especially in Haverhill, will be watched with interest all over the country, not alone by Socialists, but by the whole people.

The Social Democrats of Haverhill have every reason for pride and satisfaction with what they have accomplished and every reason to hope to hold their own or even to increase their strength in the December election.

For two years their city government has been the subject of comment and often the object of attack in the press; but it has been admitted on all hands, that so far as it is a Socialist administration it is notably honest and notably efficient. Even its bitterest opponents have not been able to deny this, have not been able to accuse the Socialist members of the administration of any failure in their duty. The Gazette, which is the organ of the anti-Socialist coalition, has had to content itself with declaring, in season and out of season, that business was dull in Haverhill, that "times were hard," and that the Socialists were responsible.

The utter pointlessness of this calumny howling on the part of the coalitionists is shown by the fact that the same complaints have been made by the newspapers of Lynn and other cities which were entirely under republican and democratic control. So far as Haverhill has suffered from hard times in these two years, it has suffered in common with the other cities of Massachusetts, and especially with other shoe towns, from causes quite beyond the control of a city government. And as a matter of fact, the depression has been mostly in the dismal imagination of the Gazette. The wish has been father of the thought.

It must be remembered, too, that though the mayor is a Social Democrat, we have only a minority of the aldermen and councilors. Haverhill has not yet a Socialist government, although we hope it will have one next year. At most, all that the Social Democrats have thus far been able to do was to give the city an honest administration and to secure the working people a hearing, not always a victory, in their own city hall. If, as now seems probable, our comrades secure a majority by next month's election, then, and not till then, the Social Democratic party can rightly be held responsible for Haverhill's prosperity, so far as that lies within the power of a municipal government.

The "Haverhill experiment," as our opponents call it, is unique in America. In other cities we have seen municipal elections carried from time to time by so-called reform parties (citizens' unions, good government leagues, etc.) or even by combined labor organizations. But the results have always been disappointing. The men elected upon such reform tickets or labor tickets have generally proven more or less incompetent and often corrupt; at the best they have accomplished little by the next election; the spasmodic enthusiasm which carried them into power has died out and the old political rings have resumed control. This is not the case in Haverhill. Every one admits that the S. D. P. was stronger there in 1898 than

### STATE SECRETARY'S OFFICIAL NOTICE

The branches and locals in Massachusetts are cautioned to see that all political committees obtain blanks of city and town clerks for reporting expenditures during the last campaign for political purposes; where the same amounts to more than twenty dollars. And where the same amounts to less than twenty it should be so stated.

A political committee, according to the election laws, is three or more persons who shall aid or promote the election or defeat of a political party, person or principle. A failure to conform to this requirement might result in prosecution and imprisonment.

I have received a number of complaints that the leaflets of the state committee, which have been ordered, and in some instances paid for, were not received. The state leaflets were late in getting ready for print, and orders were much larger than we expected, 100,000 were calculated upon, and orders were received for 150,000. It was impossible to fill all orders.

As soon as the printer's report (from whom all orders were shipped direct) is at hand, each place will be reimbursed for all unfilled orders. So everyone must be patient and all will be well.

All persons who desire or can assist in organizing at any place a branch or local of the S. D. P. should at once communicate with the secretary.

SQUIRE E. PUTNEY,  
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**ROXBURY.**

At a joint meeting of all branches located in the 11th aldermanic district of Boston on Wednesday, Nov. 14, Comrade Richard D. Schmidt was unanimously nominated for alderman, and Comrades Alphonse Audit, Chas. S. Chipman and William F. Fahey for councilmen from ward 22. Fraternally,  
F. L. Schmidt, Sec'y.



CHARLES W. JOHNSON, Social Democratic Candidate for Mayor of Newburyport, Mass.

### CELEBRATING.

The Social Democrats of Hamilton county, Ohio, are planning a gigantic 50 cent dinner in December, which everyone who voted the Social Democratic ticket is expected to attend. Prominent Socialists will be invited.

Social Democrats of New Jersey celebrated the large increase in the local, state and national ticket, and to open the campaign of 1904, by holding a social reunion at Newark, N. J., on Friday, Nov. 23. Rev. Chas. H. Vall was the speaker of the evening.

### WORCESTER.

The Social Democrats of Worcester have nominated the following candidates for the municipal election:  
For mayor—Addison W. Barr.  
For aldermen—Charles E. Fenner, Charles K. Hardy, Olof Bokeland, Thomas F. Abbott, Addison L. Bemis, Charles W. Saunders.  
A strong municipal platform was adopted.

### HOLYOKE.

The Social Democrats of Holyoke have held their municipal convention and nominated a ticket for the municipal election. The following nominations were made:  
Mayor—E. A. Buckland.  
Aldermen at large—Arthur D. Judd, John Coburn, Henry L. Schroeder, Otto Neumann and Julius F. L. Krenzler.  
School committee, at large—Karl W. Koshier.  
Alderman, ward one—Gustave Neumann.  
An excellent platform was adopted and the party expects to make a good showing.

### FOR JOINT DEBATE.

Representative Carey has received a letter from Comrade Laird of Brockton stating that it is probable the proposed joint debate between Carey and A. H. Washburn, the author of the pamphlet against Socialism, will take place in Brockton on Saturday, Dec. 1. If the debate takes place a party will accompany Rep. Carey from Haverhill.

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THE RAVAGES OF SOCIALISM.

It will be interesting to those who voted for prosperity in the late election to know just how dear old pros. is getting along. The editorial columns of the daily press are not keeping us as well posted as they did before election...

of discord, when we call attention to these facts. If there is trouble in Steubenville will that give it a black eye in the business world? Or will the killer of a few men increase the city's prestige commercially? Probably the latter will be the case because it is only when the workers are class conscious enough to elect members of their own class to political office that business is driven away.

The capitalist politicians in Haverhill are so utterly devoid of faith in the intelligence and common sense of the rank and file of the party voters that they believe they can concoct schemes and formulate deals with impunity and delude the voters into voting with the firm.

ords and tell the truth, they howl, "personalities" and "abuse." Truly, they are very hard to please. If Mayor Chase had the spine of a red herring and allowed the coalition gang to use him during his terms, there would have been no talk about his not walking under his own hat.

CLASS CONSCIOUSNESS. PROF. GEORGE D. HERRON EXPLAINS ITS MEANING. Again, some of you are offended at the class conscious appeal for Socialism. I think it is because you do not rightly understand its meaning.

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Book Reviews.

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PRIVATE PROPERTY.

THE RIGHT TO OWN IT NOT DICTATED BY SOCIAL DEMOCRATS - COLLECTIVE OWNERSHIP OF CAPITAL DESIRED - THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN CAPITAL AND PRIVATE PROPERTY.

The continued misrepresentation of the Social Democrats upon the subject of Private Property is one of the favorite methods of attack followed by those who believe in perpetuating the present order of things. Time and time again have the Socialists defined their position upon this question, time and time again have they refuted the charge against them that they wished to destroy private property in the home, but their denials have been in vain. Their opponents have persistently reiterated this baseless charge, and in order to avoid the charge of creating a prejudice against Socialism in the minds of that portion of the working class who have been able, after much self-defeating and unprofitable and hard, persistent work to obtain possession of a home, or accumulated a small amount in the savings bank, they have endeavored to persuade the small owners can be easily persuaded to vote directly against their own interests and for the interests of the capitalist class. Now the Socialists are not the enemies of private property, but the enemies of the means by which private property is produced. In other words, the private ownership of the factories, mines, mills, railroads, in one word, capital. It should be understood that there is quite a difference between wealth and capital. A man's house, his bicycle, his tools, everything necessary for the material comfort and enjoyment of his life is wealth. The ownership of these things injures no one, it assists in making their owners better citizens and enables them to live better, and enjoy some lives. These are the things Socialists wish to keep inviolate, more than that, they wish to see a system whereby every citizen should have a living can own and enjoy the material things of life without being forced to sacrifice every comfort in order to obtain them. And they declare that a system that prohibits the vast majority of the working class from owning homes is an unjust one. Capital is wealth used to produce more wealth. Factories and mills, such like are capital. Now the ownership of capital by a comparatively small class enables this class to exploit the operators of the capital, and the class of the major portion of their earnings. Thus it is that while we grow this class of owners of capital growing richer and richer, the workers are not receiving remuneration in accordance with the increase of their productive powers and the amount of labor expended. Consequently we have the capitalist class reveling in superfluous wealth, while the working class finds it more and more difficult to earn a living, to secure a home, and to be able to retain his ownership of a home to support his family. What do the Socialists propose in place of this? We demand the collective ownership of capital, or, in other words, the ownership by the state, of the railroads, mines, and all the other things that go to produce wealth. Because these things are used by their owners to produce wealth, and to the profits and not for the benefit of society. It would be well to quote Richard T. Ely, professor of political economy in Cornell University, and who speaks upon this matter. Prof. Ely is a recognized world-wide authority upon social economics, and is not a Socialist. He says: "There are four elements in Socialism, namely, first, the common ownership of the means of production; second, the common management of the means of production; third, the distribution of annual products of industry by common authority; fourth, private property in income. Socialists make no distinction between the tools of production and the means by which wealth is produced. Labor is the active factor, and all production is carried on for the sake of man. Socialists admit that the owners of these tools must receive a return for them when industry is organized as it is now; hence they desire that these tools should become common property. This is the socialistic universal application of the command of the apostle Paul: 'If a man will not work, neither let him eat.' Now, that Professor Ely, an impartial observer and student, classes private property in income as among the four elements in Socialism. Under Socialism private income will be used as now, but restricted to what a person wishes for himself, family and presents. It is not to be used to buy things to be sold again for gain. A person may own his own house, stable, and other furnishings, yard, garden, stable, horses, buggies, cows, etc., as now. The owner of a horse, or garden, or horse is not a capitalist, because he does not use his wealth to produce more wealth by exploiting labor. But the owner of a factory or railroad is a capitalist, because he uses his wealth to produce more wealth by which he is produced, and the working class are robbed of the fruits of their labor. All this is very clear to the Socialist, even to the unprejudiced observer, like Prof. Ely, but there are some people who either will not or do not care to see. Socialism holds no danger for the social reformer who has managed to obtain possession of a home. Rather does it offer the inducement to every one to own a home, for the social reformer requires that every human being should have a place he or she can call home. Our opponents do not seem to realize the absurdity of this position. They lose sight of the fact that some of the staunchest supporters of the Social Democratic party in this country are those who have themselves. This is one reason why they are Social Democrats. They know that under Socialism every man willing to work will receive just recompense for his labor and will be able to own his own home and be truly independent, in every sense of the word. If the opponents of Socialism would cease misrepresenting the Social Democrats and state what they believe the working people should have, there would be more consistency. What do the opponents of Socialism offer to the workers? Nothing, absolutely nothing. Do the anti-Socialists dare to say that they do not believe every man who works for a living should own a home of his own? Do they think that only a few should enjoy the good things of life and the workers should be forever condemned to incessant, ill-paid toil? Do they offer any hope to the workers?

May they practically say that the workers have always been the hewers of wood and carriers of water and should always remain so. The Social Democrats advocate a system under which there will be no parasites, whether millionaires or paupers, a system under which every man and woman will be able to secure work and to rejoice in the full fruits of their labor. And every workingman owes it as a duty to himself and his family to vote for that system - Socialism.

MUNICIPAL PLATFORM OF THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY

The Social Democratic party of America declares that life, liberty and happiness for every man, woman and child are conditioned upon equal political and economical rights. That capitalism, the private ownership of the means of production and distribution, is responsible for the insecurity of subsistence of the ever-growing majority of our people. That the same economic forces which have produced and now intensify the capitalist system will compel the adoption of Socialism, the collective ownership of the means of production and distribution for the common good and welfare, or result in the destruction of civilization. Therefore the Social Democratic party of America declares its objects to be the establishment of co-operative production and distribution through the restoration to the people of all means of production and distribution to be administered by organized society in the interest of the whole people, and the complete emancipation of society from the domination of capitalism. While we recognize that it is not within the power of the municipality to restore to the people all of their rights, we are fully conscious that the municipality can and should place at the disposal of the people and of civilization every power that it possesses, to the end that no further injustice be done, and that mankind may be permitted to continue to progress to a grander and nobler life, and therefore we demand: 1-The public ownership of gas and electric light plants, and all other industries requiring a municipal franchise. 2-The abolition of the contract system on public works. 3-The extension of the eight-hour workday and the maintenance of the minimum wage at not less than \$2 per day. 4-Assistance to the unemployed, not by charity, but by the establishment of public works for their employment. 5-The adoption of the principles of the initiative and the referendum. 6-That the movement for the abolition of grade crossings be pushed to its proper and legitimate conclusion in the interest of public convenience and human health and life. 7-That the sum of \$500 per annum be expended upon roads in the outlying wards of the city, viz: 4, 5, & 6 until they are safe and convenient for public travel.

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PLATFORM OF THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY.

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The Social Democratic party of the United States, in convention assembled, reaffirms its allegiance to the revolutionary principles of international Socialism and declares the supreme political issues in America today to be the contest between the worker class and the capitalist class for the possession of power of government. The party affirms steadfast purpose to use those powers, once obtained, to destroy wage slavery, abolish the institution of private property in the means of production, and establish the Co-operative Commonwealth in the United States, as in all other civilized countries, the natural order of economic development has separated society into two antagonistic classes - the capitalists, a comparatively small class, the possessors of all the modern means of production and distribution (land, mines, machinery and means of transportation and communication), and the large and ever-increasing class of wage workers possessing no means of production. This economic supremacy has secured to the dominant class the full control of the government, the pulpit, the schools and the public press thereby making them the arbiters of the fate of the working class, while it is reducing it to a condition of dependence, economically exploited and oppressed, intellectually and physically crippled and degraded, and its political equality rendered a bitter mockery, and the contest between these two classes grows ever fiercer. Hand in hand with the growth of monopolies goes the annihilation of small industries and the middle class depending upon them, ever larger grows the multitude of desperate wage workers and of the unemployed, and ever fiercer the struggle between the class of the employer and the exploited, the capitalists and the wage workers. The evil effects of capitalist production are intensified by the recurring industrial crises continually rendering the existence of the greater part of the population more precarious and uncertain, which amply proves that the modern means of production have outgrown the existing social order based on production for profit. Human energy and natural resources are wasted for individual gain. Ignorance fostered by wage slavery may be perpetuated. Science and invention are perverted to the exploitation of men, women and children. The lives and liberties of the workers are recklessly sacrificed for profit. As wars are fomented between nations; 'indiscriminate slaughter' is encouraged; the destruction of whole races is sanctioned in order that the capitalist class may extend its commercial domain abroad, and enhance its supremacy at home. The introduction of a new and higher order of society is the historic mission of the working class. All other classes, despite their apparent or actual conflicts are interested in the upholding of the system of private ownership of the working class. All other parties which do not stand for the complete overthrow of the capitalist system of production are also the tools of the capitalist class. The working class cannot, however, act as a class in its struggle against the collective power of the capitalist class except by constituting itself into a political party, distinct and opposed to all parties formed by the property classes.

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