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When you go into your room on a dark night, since the days of the match trust, you have to borrow a light before you can find any brimstone on the matches.

It looks as if Mark Hanna were a prophet after all. "The next battle," said Mr. Hanna, "is to be between Socialism and Republicanism."

And now comes Robert Treat Paine, "amazed" that the democrats of Massachusetts should seriously think of nominating for Governor Col. Gaston of the Boston Elevated Railroad!

Wherefore, Robert? Hast thou not heard of the McKinley Democrats? Nor of the Bryan Republicans? The issue between Socialism and "Republicanism" is fast shaping. The old-time democrats and the republicans are already as tweedledum and tweedledum.

When the old-liners such as Gaston get hold of the democratic machine in Massachusetts, there will only be Hobson's choice for Robert

## HERE'S WHERE WE'LL THINK THINGS OVER.

Treat Paine, George Fred Williams and their followers, and that's Socialism.

Like the weary gentleman found holding up a church edifice, on being asked if he belonged to it, Mr. Paine is "leaning that way."

We quote him from the Traveller: "How futile is the cry of 'Laissez-faire.' It seems a mockery of the request of the masses for relief. Yet none yield so intense a loyalty to this doctrine as typical democrats of the old fashioned or conservative school. They must look forward and not backward if they are to win power and to be instrumental in securing practical and remedial legislation.

"The same problem is puzzling politicians of other countries. In Germany the liberal party is dwindling away, while Social Democrats are forging to the front, no longer with subversive notions about the immediate reorganization of society, but as Opportunists, attempting to remedy each evil in its turn. In Great Britain, the liberal party, rent in factions and torn by divided counsels, is hopelessly out of power, but the coming alignment is discernible when the Manchester Guardian, of the straightest sect of the Individualists, welcomes the Socialists as co-workers, and when in conservative London the Progressives, with their very radical programme, carry all before them."

Francis B. Livesey, a veteran lover and champion of freedom, writes in the Baltimore World:

"For over 25 years I have sought to intercept the encroachments of Socialism. Not an educator, not a minister, not a politician, not a financier has duly appreciated my effort. Now my attempt shall be to make the best of the inevitable.

Good! pard. That "best" will not be bad. Socialism will be better than anything the world has seen, and when it comes we won't belong to it, but it will belong to us.

When a clergyman in a so-called independent church makes a change of pastorate it is sometimes a question whether he is to be over a parish, in a parish or under a parish.

So it is in some inquiring minds with regard to the Socialistic change. But we are alive to the danger.

In this paper we are going to taboo the expression "Under Socialism." No one is going to be under Socialism. We are all going to be in it. We are working for Socialism

because we believe it is going to free the race from bondage. When it begins to oppress the people we will put something else in its place.

We will keep the torch of freedom burning but spill no soot on anybody.

I have great respect for all reflecting persons whose opinions differ from mine.

A man's opinions depend upon his point of view.

Two men came running from opposite directions toward a suspended shield.

"It's black," said one.

"It's grey," said the other.

They fought it out. After the fracas they went on their way, and the "grey" man looking back saw the shield was black, and the "black" man saw it was grey.

They had merely exchanged points of view. It was black on one side and grey on the other.

In political, economic and religious matters one's point of view depends first upon his inherited temperament, next upon his surroundings and education.

These conditions constitute his mental experience, and his opinions are inseparable from his experience.

The way, then, to change a man's opinions is, not to get mad and call him a damblood, but to change his mental experience. This can be done by showing kindness and goodwill, and by patiently turning on the light. By and by, if your thought is the higher, you will have the pleasure of seeing him think as you do; or, if lower, the pleasure of thinking as he does.

Isn't it easy?

A bright, particular star named Ludwig Nissen, president of the Brooklyn (N. Y.) Manufacturers' Union, is making heroic efforts to solve the social problem.

He writes to the New York Herald, suggesting that, when the underground railway system is put in operation, there should be two classes of cars and two classes of fare.

European countries "go us one better" in this matter, and the result is humorously suggested by the story of the guard who cried out when the power failed: "Fir-st-class passengers, keep your seats; second-class passengers, get out and walk;

third-class passengers, get out and push."

An oft-repeated remark over there is that only fools and Americans travel first-class. Since Mr. Ludwig Nissen is evidently not an American we presume he comes under the other head.

A real live Count stopped into the St. Lazare station at Paris and directed his valet to get him two tickets for London, one "first" and one "third." On receiving the first-class ticket the Count, with the usual shrug of the shoulders, remarked: "No, you don't, you rascal. Take this first class ticket and give me the third; I choose my company."

If the best cars are not good enough for America's working people, why not make the working people good enough for the best cars? Vote for Socialism and do it!

"The dulness of the cotton trade and the overstocking of the market for manufactured goods is not hard to explain in view of the last statistics of Chinese trade from January to March of the present year, which show that only 119,175 pieces of American drills were imported, compared with 420,966 pieces in 1899, and but 47,945 pieces of sheeting, compared with 1,103,915 two years ago."—Haverhill Gazette.

That's it, lay the blame on China! If the cause of anything is obscure nowadays it's safe to blame the Boxers. But the truth is not so far to seek.

Fall River is far enough, where last week M. C. D. Borden averted the textile strike which the other manufacturers were trying to force upon the working people.

How did he do it? By coming into an "overstocked" market, buying for his print works from 100,000 to 200,000 pieces of cloth, transforming a dull market at 2 7-16 a yard to a firm market at 2 9-16 cents.

What caused the market to be "overstocked?"

Was it because the Chinese people are wearing their last year's clothes, in order to pay the war indemnity? Partly so, no doubt. But go to Fall River, go to New Bedford, go to Lowell, go to Lawrence, go to Manchester, all centres for cotton goods, walk through the barrack-lined streets where the spinners and weavers live, peep into the sweltering

kitchens where drudge the un-thanked souls who prepare the food of the world, and tell me how many women and children you find with print cloth dresses enough to be clean and cool.

Then visit the poor districts of Boston, of New York, of Chicago, of any city of the land, and when you find the true "demand" "supplied," telegraph us at our expense.

What is the trouble? Simply that the workers of the United States first, and of other countries next, do not receive wages enough to enable them to buy what they need, although they work three times as long each day as an arithmetical and economic average calls for.

And the remedy is what? Socialism.

Why? Because it will put the workers in possession of the means of production and distribution—not of private property justly so-called, but of such capital as is rightly public—, it will give them the factory and the machine, it will shorten their hours of labor and therefore employ more of them in each particular industry, it will lengthen their pay-roll and thus enable them to provide for their needs, and it will, consequently, prevent "overstocked" markets, with all the evils of strikes, cut-downs, lock-outs and heart-breaks which follow in their train.

Remember that most of what is called "over-production" in our industrial life is really unjust distribution.

Will our correspondents kindly have their news in the Social Democrat office not later than Monday night? We go to press earlier than formerly.

Is this flooding of stagnant ponds with coal oil to kill off the malarial mosquito another Standard Oil trick?

Read this extract from the Pennsylvania Republican platform just issued to the "Voting Kings" of that state:

"We congratulate the people of Pennsylvania on the splendid prosperity which they now enjoy. The farmer, the mechanic, the laborer and the professional man all either have or may have remunerative employment. We regret that under such prosperous conditions contests should arise between capital and labor, but we hope and believe that

these disputes will be finally settled on an equitable basis that will do full justice to the contending parties. The right of capital to make proper and legal combinations has been recognized by legislative enactment in many of the states and this carries with it the right of labor to organize in proper and legal ways for its protection and advantage; but neither capital nor labor has the right to resort to violence or illegal methods to redress wrongs or obtain rights. The spirit of mediation and concession should prevail in all disputes between capital and labor."

Please don't laugh. This isn't the joke column. Read carefully, then think. These statesmen think the people will believe this, and indeed many of them will believe it and vote the Republican ticket.

And yet there are thousands of men in that state of "splendid prosperity" who are toiling in dismal underground dungeons and reaping only abject poverty as their wages, and other thousands who are unable even to get that miserable possession called a "job."

Sad, isn't it that under such prosperous conditions contests should arise between "capital and labor?" Pardon these "statesmen" for their unfamiliarity with economic terms. They should say contests between capitalists and laborers. The Socialist calls them struggles between Private Capitalism and Humanity. The rest of the extract is too humorous for the writer to attempt to reduce it to logic.

Says The Army and Navy Register: "The country may be assured that if the army figures in any labor disturbances it will be in the interest of the people who support the army and not merely in protection of the reviled trusts."

It would if Eugene V. Debs were in the White House as commander-in-chief of all the forces of the United States, but it never will under William I.

Has the editor read our Indianapolis anti-military plank?

On Labor Day the workers of the Earth will be firing the sunrise gun of a larger and better freedom than any the world has seen.

A Fall River exchange (sorry I've forgotten which one) says the textile strike died from non-support and that the mourners are very few.

Let the steel strikers see to it that Charles M. Schwab shall not be able to testify again, in substance as at the end of the Homestead

strike, that "two hundred of his employees at Braddock sent in their names as volunteers to start the mills at Homestead in order to break the strike." This time let it be "Union forever," and be ye true as steel.

Reaction follows action. Then action comes again. The Socialistic reaction took place in Haverhill last fall. Now let action have the day.

There never was any cause for discouragement. "Ho," yells the foot-ball captain on the field, "the time for you fellows to show your grit is when you're losing!" So it is with us.

An up-country farmer has the right idea. He was sitting on a stone wall at the edge of his farm discussing the drought with his grumbling neighbor.

"I see a sign of rain," said he. "Well, I'd like to know what sign of rain you see," replied the other.

"Just this, neighbor: I don't see how we are going to get along without it."

That's the way it is with this country and Socialism. When things are at their worst they immediately begin to be better, and they've already begun.

"War upon plutocracy is hopeless. The Democracy will never prevail until it satisfies the country that the Democrats, not the Republican party, are the real friends and instruments of plutocracy. They must offer more favorable conditions for money-making than the Republicans can furnish, or they will remain indefinitely as poor in political strength as they are today."—The Sun, New York.

This is frankness for you. Johnny Morgan plays the organ.

Organize your town, your county, your state. The movement is on the boom. Now is the time.

Your neighbor would read the Social Democrat if he knew what was in it. Why don't you give him a sample copy and get his subscription?

All business communications should be addressed to the Business Manager rather than to the editor.

The more readers of the Social Democrat the more Socialist votes.

Good-bye till next time!

66 MERRIMACK STREET.

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About school suits for the boys. They are going to need them next week, and we are better prepared than ever to fit them out. GOOD-SOLID—all wool suits—made 2 Piece, Funston, Norfolk, Blouse and Vester-Styles, some with pants made double seat and knees, and others have pants lined throughout. These are the best suits ever shown in our store (or city either) for the price, and the price is within the reach of all.

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"I think that workshops should be so equipped as to make them centres of vital interest and of sociological importance. Much of the wealth made from factory employees who work in uninviting places is bestowed upon colleges and city libraries with disproportionate prodigality. It might, with good advantage be turned back to its source to pay the debt it owes there."—Charles H. Fitch in "Iron Molders Journal."

EXPLANATION.

Our manager had to patronize a non-union printing office this week on a hurry-up job for the Monday evening reception, because the only union office in the city was unable to do the work. We hope it will not occur again.

Socialism is in the air. It has conquered the ranks of labor and permeated the schools of learning.—Portland Oregonian.

### AN EARLY DISPLAY OF Autumn Clothing

A decided change has taken place this season in the styles of men's suitings. Rough faced goods will have the call. Scotch effects, modest in design, but with a little dash of color seems to be the most popular, although we have smooth faced worsteds in modest stripes for the conservative dressers.

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## Warren Emerson

Corner of Fleet Street.

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Says the Haverhill Evening Gazette of Tuesday last: Many local Socialists took advantage of the reception held in Central Labor Union hall last evening to meet and become acquainted with the Rev. John Eills, the new editor of The Clarion. A pleasing programme had been provided, consisting of music and speeches. Former Mayor John C. Chase delivered the address of welcome, and in his response Mr. Eills spoke enthusiastically of the Socialist cause and prospects. At the conclusion of the editor's speech ex-

Alderman Parkman Flanders was called upon for remarks, and he spoke for several minutes. He was followed by William A. Kennedy, business manager of the publication, Charles H. Bradley, L. B. Talbot, and several others of prominence in the party. The affair was brought to a close at an early hour.

HARD TIMES!

The United States Steel Corporation's first quarterly dividend of 1 1/2 per cent on the \$506,473,000 of outstanding preferred stock was paid recently. The amount was \$5,863,284.

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WILLIAM A. KENNEDY ..... BUSINESS MANAGER

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## TO CONTRIBUTORS:

Brief, pithy articles of an economic or political character, bearing upon some local, state or national issue, are respectfully solicited.

Subscribers not receiving the paper regularly will please notify this office.

## NEW ENGLAND FOR SOCIALISM!



### KIND WORDS FOR OUR NEW DEPARTURE.

Boston, Aug. 29.

The spirit displayed in last week's issue of the *Haverhill Social Democrat* I like. If the paper from a doctrinal point of view is to be as high as the sentiment manifested by Editor Ellis and Manager Kennedy the CLARION'S call will reach further than New England; it will be heard throughout the nation.

David Goldstein.

Mendon, Mass., Aug. 25.

Dear Comrades:—No one of the readers of the *Haverhill Social Democrat* could have been more pleased than I at the turn in the affairs of the paper. I have been taking it merely to see what another faction was doing. Henceforth I shall take it and work for it. As an earnest I enclose 50 cents for a year's subscription.

Your plan as outlined is just what I have for some time had in mind for the only useful kind of paper. I wish you all success.

W. E. Dixon.

Mansfield, Mass., Aug. 27.

Dear Friend:—Your *Social Democrat* came to hand this date and I hope the dissemination of its principles may prove a blessing to the toiling multitudes, even to the far corners of the earth.

I believe you have found your legitimate province and with this large field in which to work you will reap a greater joy in your labor, because it touches the interests of the class to whom the Son of the Carpenter said: "Come unto me all ye who labor." As man is freeing himself from ecclesiastical bonds, so by the power of thought must he claim a larger respite from drudgery and a larger compensation for voluntary toil.

As with our hearts and hands we broke the chains of the black man, so must we secure universal emancipation to the race by defying and subduing this soulless monster, which is a hydra-headed curse to the world—Selfishness!

Enclosed find money for subscription. Truly yours,

E. T. Danforth.

Fitchburg, Aug. 27.

Mr. Wm. A. Kennedy, Bus. Mgr.  
Dear Comrade:—Your Aug. 24 paper was a good number.

E. S. Demmon.

Leominster, Mass., Aug. 25, 1901.

Comrades!  
Doubtless you will consider me rather slow in toing the mark of duty, for a professed Socialist, in not remitting my subscription for one share of the stock of your, or rather, our, paper, for by the way the paper looks and talks now it seems as if the Socialists of Massachusetts may soon refer to it as our paper. Please find the cheque for \$5.00 enclosed.

The paper is a more than welcome guest in my home. I like it.  
May the motto of the Clarion reach the drum of men's intellectual ears, teaching them the cause of all their economic woes and presenting the cure for them. Then it will lie only with the patient to get well. A willing slave is unworthy of freedom.

Yours for the cause,  
E. R. Stuart.

## WE'VE GOT THEM ON THE RUN.

### THEY WANT TO KNOW "WHAT WE THINK."

NOW LET'S RUSH 'EM!

Last week we published an interview held with ex-Mayor Chase of Haverhill by the Boston Traveller. Following this the Traveller sought out Comrade David Goldstein of Boston, who made splendid use of his opportunity to show the public how Socialism stands today.

We give the interview in part: David Goldstein, prominent in the Social Democratic party—which, by the way, will change its name to the Socialist party, has absolutely no use for either of the two leading parties, and although he says that the ideal sought by the Socialist party appears like a dream now, yet the dream will be realized.

When he was asked how he viewed the political situation he repeated the question.

"The political situation? The politicians fail to see issues of great importance which may be brought forward in the coming election. "Free trade and protection have fallen into innocuous desuetude; the voice of a Demosthenes could not resurrect the silver issue; but one need not go far afield to find many of the gravest importances.

We have but to look at the poor dependent mothers and children standing at the Traveller's stations for ice; but to look at the criminal process of selling the surplus cloth by the threatened cut-down of wages in the Fall River Mills; to look at the gigantic war being waged between the steel barons and their employees, who are struggling to maintain their craft organization.

"These are the issues that citizens of this commonwealth will do well to consider when they go to the polls in the November elections. These are the issues that democrats and republicans do not meet and cannot solve, as they both represent the moneyed interests of this land.

"There is a wide gap between the interests of the citizens and the interests of the millionaires. Or, as Dooley sees it, 'They ain't more than three or four hundred million dollars' difference between 'th' very rich an' 'th' very poor.' That's so, says Hennessy, 'with the exception of that difference we're all alike.'

"A view of the legislative enactments of the democrats and republicans reveals the fact that they represent capitalist interests."

After this arraignment of the old parties, it was very natural to suppose that Mr. Goldstein would have something equally interesting to say of the gentlemen who are regarded to be the leading candidates for the gubernatorial nomination. "Upon what ground Mr. Gaston bases his claim to the votes of this commonwealth it is difficult to understand.

"Is it because he is the son of a worthy sire? Or is it because he refuses his employees on the elevated railroad their right to organize a labor union? Or is it because he pays small wages to his motormen and guards?"

"As Governor of Massachusetts, we may see him extending his howling, blinding, property-destroying lard throughout the commonwealth.

"If as Governor of Massachusetts he should use his power to take from the citizens their rights and privileges as he does his railroad employees, then all I have to say is God deliver us from such an executive.

"The second name proposed is that of Mr. Hamlin, who was declared in '96 and 1900 to be a traitor to democratic principles.

"Upon what he can base his claim to the suffrages it is impossible for me to discover. He can point to no act in which he has stood for the interests of the commonwealth as against those of the capitalist class.

"Mr. Hamlin was the right bower of Grover Cleveland and this gives us the clue to his friendship for wage-workers. It has been said that Washington freed the country, Lincoln freed the slaves and Grover Cleveland freed the working class—that is, Grover freed them from the opportunity to work.

"Was not Mr. Hamlin conspicuous during the administration of Grover Cleveland?"

"Did he not approve of the action when the troops were sent into Illinois in defiance of federal law?"

"Did he not stand by approvingly when the strikers were shot down, when the American Railway Union was broken up and Eugene V. Debs was sent to jail?"

It is fitting that these gentlemen should be the standard bearers of the democratic party, as they well represent the principles of slavery which their party always stood for.

"As for Mr. Bradford, who has a slim chance of receiving the nomination, and who only adds interest to the candidacy of his opponents,

should he honestly desire to better the condition of the citizens of Massachusetts I recommend that he study Socialist principles, which, if carried out, would fulfil the compact written on the lid of the sea chest and signed in the cabin of the Mayflower by his grand old ancestor.

Then Mr. Goldstein was asked to pass an opinion upon the mayoralty situation in Boston, and he proceeded in much the same vein:

"The only question between Collins and Hart," he said, "so far as the citizens of Boston are concerned, is whether the president of the Mt. Vernon bank or the director of the International Trust Co. is to handle the funds of the city; whether republicans or democrats are to share in the contracts to be given out at city hall; whether the republican 'grafters' in office are to remain, or whether the democratic 'grafters' who have been loafing the past two years on the street corners, in the saloons and club rooms, are to receive the 'cinches.'"

Mr. Goldstein proceeded to shed some light on the aspirations and intentions of the Socialist party, as follows:

"We Social Democrats have a positive programme that we present to the citizen, the principles of which we do not change. We stand for national ownership of railroads. We stand for national ownership of the mills. We stand for the abolition of the contract system. We stand for direct employment by the municipality of all workmen employed on buildings, roads and other city works. We stand in favor of Boston owning its facilities of travel and transportation. We stand in favor of the initiative and referendum.

"We have declared in convention assembled at Indianapolis, July 30, 1901, our position on the negro question. We demand political and civic equality for black and white men alike, and condemn the politicians of the south for the violence inflicted on our colored brethren. The view has been expressed that this resolve will close the ears of southerners to Socialism, to which we reply that we want only the votes of those citizens who favor equal political rights to all men, irrespective of race, creed or color.

"By a trade union resolution, we have declared it the duty of all workmen to join the organization of their craft, and to aid in the work of unifying the trade and labor organizations, and that by all honorable means they shall awaken their fellow workers to the consciousness that in strikes and boycotts they are compelled to stand as workmen against their masters, and that the same division should be maintained at the ballot box, that workmen should elect workmen to office upon the revolutionary platform of Socialist principles.

"Our position on the woman question has been ably portrayed in a work issued by Martha Moore Avery, in which it is claimed that men cannot give the women the right to vote, but they can deprive them of their civic rights and privileges, which are God-given. Equal suffrage for men and women is demanded also; for wives and mothers the demand is that they shall be salaried out of the public treasury.

"Socialism is a civic movement to harmonize the economic and political interests of all citizens by the collective ownership of the means of production and distribution. It is not a religion, and although the false impression has gone forth that one cannot be a member of a church and at the same time be a Socialist, this error is clearly seen in that we are arranging a public meeting at which the great Kentucky Socialist orator, Rev. Father Thomas McGrady of St. Patrick's church, Bellevue, Kentucky, will lecture on 'Socialism and the Labor Problem.'

"I am not seeking," concluded Mr. Goldstein, "nor do I expect to be a candidate for any elective office in the coming state campaign. I am content to be in the ranks, fight-

ing with my fellow Socialists to put an end to the struggle between man and man for an opportunity to earn bread and butter; to change the extremely competitive economic environment by establishing the Co-operative Commonwealth which will usher in an era truly human.

"Yes, you are right; it is a dream. But the dreamers are rapidly increasing in numbers; the dreamers have already sent two representatives, Carey and McCartney, to Beacon Hill. Our dreams will yet be the common dream of Massachusetts! It will yet be the dream of the nation and the dream of the nation always comes true."

### McKEESPORT'S MAYOR.

#### FAVORS HONEST STRIKERS AND REGARDS STRIKE-BREAKERS AS SUSPICIOUS CHARACTERS.

(New York Worker.)

It is a pleasure to be able to give unqualified praise to a public official who was not elected by our own party. We hasten to take advantage of the opportunity.

Mayor Black of McKeesport, Pa., has shown himself to be a brave and honorable man, a man who feels his responsibility to his brothers of the working class and is not afraid to do his duty.

His declaration that he would not give special police protection to the steel trust in importing scabs to crush the resistance of the workingmen of McKeesport sets a standard of official conduct that every Socialist should heartily and openly endorse. He declares—that is the simple truth, and what repeated experience has proven—that the scabs imported in time of strike are suspicious characters; and he says he, as mayor of McKeesport, will treat them as such. The bold position thus taken puts Mayor Black in pleasing contrast with the Van Wycks, Albridges, Carter Harrison, Tom L. Johnsons, Phelans, and other capitalist lackeys in the city halls of larger centres, who either openly take the side of the bosses when a strike comes on, or else give them substantial aid while fooling the workers with hollow words of "sympathy" and offers of "arbitration."

"Mayor Black is called a republican—more's the pity. But he has not acted as a republican, and that redeems him.

### THE NATIONAL BOOT AND SHOE WORKERS' UNION.

Editor *Haverhill Social Democrat*:

In these days, when concentration makes power, the shoe workers should learn to organize into one solid body. In America there is room for only one shoe workers' union and that union today is the "Boot and Shoe Workers' Union." The national organization has passed beyond the stage of experiment and is today a bona fide success.

It is rapidly growing and will in the near future become a giant in the American labor movement. It is built upon right lines, its success is, I believe, absolutely assured, and we can hasten the good work by joining that organization now.

Already the union has nearly \$50,000 in its treasury for a sick and death benefit fund.

Never in the history of America was there so rapid and solid a growth of trade unionism as at present. During the past twelve months more than 350,000 men and women have joined the trade unions.

The demand for union stamped shoes is rapidly increasing and unless our Haverhill shoes are stamped with the Boot and Shoe Workers' union we shall in the near future find a decreased demand for our shoes.

Let us remember that in "union there is strength" and resolve here and now to build the greatest, the grandest, and the most far-reaching trade union in America by enlisting under the banner of the Boot and Shoe Workers' union.

F. G. R. Gordon.

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Now that the Indianapolis convention has settled the Unity question, the work of education and organization should be pushed with increased vigor.

The cost of sending out our speakers and organizers, especially into unorganized territory, is a serious obstacle to contend with. Such items as railroad fare, hotel bills, advertising bills and hall rent soon count up into large figures. Even where we already have small organizations to do the necessary work of bill-posting, etc., the meetings resulting from this method of procedure are not always satisfactory as to results, and where we have no organizations to do the preliminary work the difficulty and cost are even greater and results less gratifying. Considering the fact that the work of organization is but fairly begun, the plan for active out-door propaganda by means of a Socialist Automobile Lecture Van, as advocated by Comrade Lockwood, is now well worth consideration.

Comrade Lockwood, speaking from an experience of the past four years traveling with a lecture van drawn by horses, says: "The out-door street meeting is the only method for successful propaganda during the summer months. Traveling in a large covered van, as we do, our expenses are reduced to the minimum. We have no car fare, no hotel bills, no advertising expenses or hall rent. My wife and I have been able to live even cheaper while on the wagon than if we were keeping house, as we have no rent or taxes to pay. We also have the advantage of buying country produce on the road between towns and this method of traveling gives us opportunity to spread the seeds of Socialism in the rural-districts as well as the cities and towns. The farmers' mail boxes along the road offer a tempting place to deposit the literature of the cause.

cal test can be made a plan has been devised for building and outfitting the first machine from which plan we quote the following:

1. The first Socialistic Automobile Lecture Wagon is to be built with funds donated by friends of the cause of Socialism and is always to remain the property of the cause—held in trust by a provisional board of five directors—Prof. Geo. D. Heron, J. A. Wayland, Dr. B. H. Enloe, Rev. Charles H. Vail and Z. Roberts—said board to hold for one year, when the subscribers to the fund, through the initiative and referendum, are to elect its successors.

2. The machine is to be used exclusively for Socialistic propaganda.

3. In view of the fact that a certain amount of educational work must be done to develop that class-consciousness among the toilers that makes them desirable members of the organized movement; and that this method of propaganda is admirably adapted to do such pioneer work, the plan of operation will be first education, then organization.

4. The time has come, however, when every Socialist should become a part of the organized movement and it shall be the duty of the operators to assist in the organization of Socialists into intelligent working bodies, who have in view the attainment of industrial emancipation through class-conscious political action.

5. Every month the operators are to furnish a complete report of their work to the board of directors, stating number of meetings held, organizations effected, receipts, disbursements, etc., etc. They are also, when time permits, to furnish reports to the Socialistic press, and whenever possible, to get Socialistic matter in the local capitalistic and reform papers.

6. The operators shall receive no remuneration for their services, other than what they can make out of the sale of literature, commission on subscriptions, voluntary dona-



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"Mrs. Lockwood also adds an interesting feature to our programme by her recitations. Traveling in this way we have been able to largely meet our running expenses by the sale of literature and keep up an active independent propaganda.

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The machine shall also be used as a means of distributing free literature donated by comrades for the purpose.

7. All subscribers to the Automobile fund shall constitute the membership of the Automobile Propaganda Club, and shall be entitled to one vote.

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**THE LESSON OF THE STEEL STRIKE.**

It is that the laborer, forced at last to make use of that instrument which he shares equally with the capitalist, will vote to take over the steel industry and manage it for the welfare of the whole people.

That is Socialism, you say. Very well, my brother. Socialism or slavery. These are the alternatives that conditions are forcing to place before you. Which do you choose to accept?—The Connecticut Craftsman.

**THE LEAVEN OF SOCIALISM.**

It is time to look out for a landslide to Socialism when the editorial writer of the Boston Globe gets an article like the following out of his system. Read it, comrades, and take hold once more for a new political effort that will make Haverhill once more the inspiration of the Socialistic movement in the United States:

"Like a huge specter, socialism, once regarded as a passing Utopia by press and people, now rises to confront the monarchs of Europe and challenge the road to political victory. Emerson somewhere says 'Set a thought adrift in the world and all the powers of the universe cannot stop it.' It has proved so with the thought of Karl Marx and Lassalle. After untold ridicule and persecution it has become the cornerstone of the most powerful political party in Europe today.

"In the recent election for the reichstag at Memel-Heidekrug was a most significant example of the rapid increase of socialism in Germany of late years. Since 1898 the socialist vote has increased 50 percent in this district, and is the latest instance of the growing power of the collectivist party in the empire. The Democratic-Socialist party is today the strongest political party in Germany. It has been steadily growing for the last 30 years. At the general elections for the reichstag in 1871 the socialist candidate polled 124,655 votes; in 1881 311,961, in 1890 1,427,298, in 1893 1,787,738, in 1898 2,100,000 votes. Where is the end?"

"In the growth of socialism in Germany is found a lesson for workmen all over the world. It has shown what peaceful association can do in the teeth of the greatest despotisms in the world. When the first socialist speakers appeared in the large German cities the emperor thought to tread the propaganda out of sight under the savage heel of militarism. The meetings were forbidden and all socialist gatherings outlawed. But this did not discourage the leaders. Instead of resorting to violence and fighting the police they kept on agitating in quiet ways. After a long period of suppression there was but one hall in Berlin that could be hired for a socialist meeting, all out-of-doors gatherings being dispersed by the sabers of the police.

"When it was attempted to hold meetings in this hall two burly police lieutenants invariably appeared on the platform, and with drawn swords south for some pretext to close the meeting, for at their dictum no discussion was permitted and the hall had to be vacated immediately. Such treatment was long endured in patience, the socialists prudently avoiding bloody heads and unnecessary friction. The law still holds today that no socialist meeting can be held in any state of the empire without the presence of two or three police officers in uniform, who, seated on the platform next to the speaker of the evening, take stenographic notes of the substance of every speech. This has become often no more than form, however.

"The socialists now have able organs among the press, but most of their editors have spent the greater part of their lives in jail. They have also 365 singing societies, who lose no occasion to sing socialist songs on every public occasion. The socialists are also the proprietors of many restaurants where soldiers are permitted to enter, though the army is strictly forbidden to patronize such places. They have adopted the great Irish invention of boycotting, which they wield with powerful effect. Furthermore, out of the great fund of the organization they have built a socialist college, where their full propaganda is taught. They also own theatres in Berlin, Hamburg, Hanover and many smaller towns. Their theatre in Berlin seats 4300 people.

"Thus socialism, by avoiding violence, and using such associative methods as could not be suppressed, has become the most powerful political

ical party in Germany. It frequently dictates to the reichstag and the other parties, not excepting the clericals, and even the imperial party itself at times is glad to unite its forces with it. At last socialism has really become respectable.

"Herein is found a lesson for the workmen of the world. Avoid violence and trust entirely to social agencies, and all the powers of evil cannot avail against truth and justice."

**HAVERHILL NEWS.**

The Smoke Talk held by the Precinct 3, Ward 5, Social Democratic Club, last Tuesday evening was a success. About seventy-five persons were present. President James Milot was chairman of the evening. P. B. Flanders made a few remarks and was followed by S. B. Talbot, F. G. R. Gordon and John C. Chase. The speakers dwelt upon the need of each person present becoming thoroughly educated in the rudiments and philosophy of Socialism, and then becoming active workers for the cause. All the speakers were vigorously applauded, and after refreshments were served the meeting adjourned.

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"The peanut trust should be roasted; the flour trust sifted to the bottom; the cigar trust smoked out; the tobacco trust chewed up; the iron trust hammered out thin; the twine trust twisted; the furniture trust carved in twain; the metal trust heated hot; the solder trust melted; the berry trust picked clean; the paper trust ground into pulp; the lamp trust snuffed out; the lumber trust nailed; the bicycle trust punctured; the mule trust buried; the type trust pied, and the pie trust eaten upholds'Y. (Hohto hir should be eaten up.—Exchange.

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The Carriage Trust of Cincinnati, Ohio, controlling nine shops, has locked out 2000 union carriage workers, and has given notice that the factories will be reopened on September 3 as non-union shops. Hundreds of girls and boys will also be thrown out of work.

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# FROM THE MEN ON THE WATCH TOWERS

## NEWS FROM PALMER

How is the Socialist movement progressing in your town? That is what the comrades like to know even if they do not put the question. Palmer boys are warming up to the subject of talking Socialism in their unions. Their opinions are interesting as showing the tendency of the times, but space will not permit a full recital of all they think and say. They see the folly of being a soldier since it means that workmen shall kill workmen "to put wages up." That's the kind of "anarchy" capitalists enjoy.

Our Wire Mill Company, a flourishing industry, believes in strict economy. They are short on tenements for their slaves to live in. So they appeal to the cupidity of some would-be landlords through the medium of a strong hint in the Palmer Journal that they are anxiously awaiting the erection of new tenements. May their fondest hopes be realized!

The Green Stamp Trading Company came to town a few weeks ago to help boom trade. It is astonishing what folks will do to stimulate a traffic that is fast losing its foundation. The merchants who embraced what seemed to them a golden opportunity for attracting customers will obtain a divorce from the delusion as soon as their contract expires.

All kinds of Sunday school picnics are held at Forest Lake. We hope some day when the boys get over being intimidated to hold several Socialist picnics at that popular resort, where brotherly love may be given a chance to grow. The sisters will also be given a hearty welcome into the ranks of Socialism. The great majority of women are wage earners, though they don't seem to realize the full significance of that fact. Test them by asking them their opinion about women's rights, etc. They reply, invariably: "Home is woman's place," which is true enough, but economic conditions seem to force them out of that place. Nevertheless, it is good training for the ladies to go out and earn their own living. It teaches them self-reliance and independence.

Thornlike is a suburb of Palmer. It is full of dives and joints where the poorer classes may slyly indulge in a Sunday beer. Plans were laid for a raid the same Sunday as the scandalous New York and Boston raids, but Devery must have telephoned them, for nothing was "pinched" save half a keg of Tivoli beer. The raid was made to please the "prohibe" and win the prize-money appropriated for suppression of illegal sales, not because it is wicked to sell on Sunday.

Money is the "root" we all dig for. The stringency of the times is even felt in the churches. The people are not "giving so much to the Lord" as they were before the class-struggle began.

Class distinctions in churches are drawn so sharply that any sensible person must notice and feel them. Therefore the common laborer prefers to be excused. Socialism levels class distinctions and rewards every man according to his deeds and needs.

All indications point toward an increase in the voting strength of the Socialist party, for it begins to dawn upon the laboring classes that it is time we had labor legislation instead of our excessive standard oil tomfoolery.

## Equality.

[Our Palmer correspondent knows the value of expressing himself on Socialism in the local newspapers. He has a thought-killer in last week's Palmer Register. Its editor says he "is a steady young man; does not drink, chew, nor smoke; in fact, the only fault he has is his political belief, and the strenuous efforts he makes to propagate the tenets of Socialism."

## NEWS FROM LYNN

Mayor William Shepherd is taking his usual stand regarding the water question, that of hedging. At a recent meeting of the committee on water supply, of which he is a member, he did not vote. It was decided by the majority of the committee to allow the water board to let out by contract the work of raising the Walden pond dam. One of the members of the committee demurred against this and wanted the work done by day labor with the eight-hour system and standard rate of wages. The rest of the committee would not agree to this and he brought in a minority report.

In an interview with a reporter of the Lynn Evening News, when the mayor was asked why he did not vote, he said that by not using his right to dissent he practically voted in the affirmative. This was after he found out how the majority of the committee stood.

The mayor is one of the sturdiest politicians in this section of the country and his general appearance of being "dopy" leads the people of Lynn to believe he is honest.

He confers with the pastors of the churches twice a week and gives them to understand that he wants to do everything that will improve the morality of the city. He appointed a nephew of his to the license commission, and one other member of the commission is also a creature of his. Out of 68 licenses in this city nearly fifty of the proprietors of saloons are republicans. He obtains great sums for his campaign fund from this source. Last election there was over \$1700 raised from the gambling joints of the city to assist his campaign. He is pulling the wires at every switchboard, making the church people think he is with them, but he is aided by the liquor element and the gambling joints. None of this money goes into his own pocket but it helps to run his campaign.

Lynn has never been so "wide open" as during his administration. The only time in the past three years that a raid of any magnitude has taken place was the celebrated horse room raid on Munroe street, two years ago. This was made because he got a tip that the state police were about to take the matter in hand and he was obliged to do it for self protection.

Councilman Rich, the only democrat in the Lynn City council, some time since introduced an order for the purchase by the city of the Lynn Gas and Electric Lighting plant. It was tabled and has never been resurrected, Mr. Rich suddenly becoming silent on the subject. It is stated now on what appears to be good authority that the councilman, who is a motorman on the Lynn and Boston electric railroad, was influenced by the road management to shut his mouth by the threatened loss of his job. You voters of Lynn must see by what transpires every day in the city that the corporations control legislation in the interest of the moneyed class. Do you want to have an honest city government in Lynn? Then vote for your own class. Support the Social Democratic candidates in the coming election.

Branch 5 of the Social Democratic party held a regular meeting last Monday evening and elected the following delegates to the State (Branch) convention to be held in Boston, Sept. 8: Mrs. Eliza Hitchcock, Charles Harshorn, J. Harry Page, Elmer F. Robinson and Francis Hamilton. Alternates: Irving H. Goldthwait, Lawrence Cunningham and Otis Jones.

The following resolution was adopted: Whereas, The Socialist convention, held in Indianapolis, July 29, 1901, reaffirmed its allegiance to the Trade Union movement as an economic necessity during the transition of Capitalism to Socialism, holding that the individual is as impotent as independent unions or parties.

And, Whereas, it also recommended that Socialists affiliate themselves with the organizations of their respective crafts, to the end that they may take advantage of all weapons, economic and political.

And, Whereas, we deem the union label an advantageous weapon because it is symbolic of unionism. Therefore, be it resolved that Lynn Local, No. 5, of the Social Democratic party in meeting assembled endorses the union label of all bonafide labor organizations; and be it further resolved, that we recommend that our membership purchase goods bearing the union label whenever possible and that their trading be done with union clerks.

Comrade Ernest W. Timson addressed the Central Labor Union on Sunday last in the interest of union labels, and wound up with an eloquent plea to the members of trade unions to vote the Social Democratic ticket, pointing out to them that a change of system was the only final solution of the labor problem.

The Lynn Item had the report, but failed to mention the fact that he spoke on Socialism. We do not expect many favors from this sheet, but we do expect justice.

Mr. De Verger has declared himself a republican candidate for representative in his district, so an ex-president of the C. L. U. told me

last week. Now this proves just what I have reported in these columns many times, namely, that his reward is coming from the capitalist party which he supports, in return for services rendered in influencing workingmen to vote against their own interests. Don't be fooled by such people.

## NEWS FROM QUINCY

The final meeting of the Wilshire picnic committee was called last Wednesday night at Quincy headquarters. After the treasurer had made his report and the auditing committee had finished theirs, the question of the division of the surplus came up! It was moved that the branches divide evenly. Margaret Haile, of the Dorchester branch objected most vigorously to this, claiming that the picnic had been held for the benefit of her organizing committee. Some of the Quincy members did not understand it that way. A compromise was made by voting to refer it back to the branches for their opinions. Some of the Quincy members think that, as the matter is in such a tangle, the best way would be to give the money to the State Committee for campaign purposes.

We had a good meeting on the playground in ward six last Thursday night. The speakers were Comrade Gallagher of Hyde Park and Comrade Mooney of Brockton. We can recommend these two speakers to any branch wanting good Socialist speakers. They are all right. Comrade Mooney is the author of a ten-cent book, entitled "A Plea to the Rising Generation," a good propaganda pamphlet.

Some of the Quincy comrades attended the picnic of the Boston city committee, Sunday, in East Dedham. That picnic was not well advertised. We would not have known of it except for the Haverhill Social Democrat.

The Quincy comrades have offered the use of their hall for the state committee for the district convention.

Jeff.

## News From Newburyport

The difference to the workmen between present conditions and those which would prevail under Socialism is clearly shown in the construction of sewers now going on in this city. The contention of the Socialists was for an eight-hour day at a wage of \$2.00, which would have been realized had the city done the work by the day as they proposed; but the men who are laboring hard with pick and shovel under the contract system are receiving 15 cents an hour, and to get a meagre \$1.50 are compelled to labor for ten hours. Will the object lesson have any effect upon the future vote?

We are glad to note the promised improvements in the Social Democrat, and now that it is proposed to make it more of a New England paper we hope our friends of this city will be more generous in its support. We need just such a paper and it ought to succeed. Comrades, push it along.

Junius.

## News From Fitchburg

Friday evening came and so did Comrade Hiram W. Smith, as announced, loaded to the muzzle with incontrovertible facts and arguments for opening the eyes of the people to the great truths and the great need of Socialism. But arrangements had not been carried out for his lecture, owing, I understand, to delay in advertising caused by want of definite understanding among the committee.

Comrade Smith has been active, speaking in several New England towns, and gives a glowing report of the great awakening among the people, and their eager receptiveness to the truths presented. Our S. D. P. city committee has got to work and the local paper contains our notices for committee meetings, caucuses for the election of delegates, etc.

## NEWS FROM NASHUA

Nashua branch voted for George Howie of Manchester for State Organizer with salary.

Ten dollars was also voted to aid the steel strikers.

A large hall is to be secured for permanent headquarters and lectures.

Nashua has a gospel wagon party composed of ministers and other well meaning people who drive around the streets Sundays preaching and singing. Recently they have shown much interest in economic subjects, but only to expose their ignorance of them. Last Sunday they got quite enthusiastic over the prospect of us all becoming millionaires like the trust magnates, saying that some of them began poor but by economy (probably meaning by wearing second hand clothes, letting their hair and whiskers grow and not wasting money on the barber, cutting their wives down to calico dresses and letting their children go bare foot, and also saving their beer money to buy stocks and bonds with) they made their pile.

These "Evangelists" loudly proclaim J. Pierpont Morgan's scheme for settling labor troubles. There is nothing new about it, however, something similar having been worked, it is said, in Babylon, 4000 years before Christ. The J. P. Morgan scheme is to pay his men partly in stock, the idea being that if they economize enough they may become trust magnates like himself. As the stock cost Morgan nothing (most of his being water) it ought to be a pretty good thing for him, and we may hear of some more church or Harvard Medical School donations if he can make it work.

H. Gaylord Wilshire will speak here Sept. 17.

A. K. Chase.

## NEWS FROM MILFORD

Rev. H. W. Smith spoke to a large and interested audience here last Tuesday evening. The following night he addressed the first Socialist meeting held in Upton. It was a "hummer."

The Franklin Iron Foundry recently answered by a lockout a request of the Moulders' Union for a change from piece-work to day-work. Pickets have had a busy time watching for non-union men who were brought here by the foundry company. Nearly all have gone back when told of the real state of affairs, but one fellow replied to the picket that he was a scab, had always been a scab and always expected to be a scab. His candor excited considerable admiration.

## Labor Day at the Pines.

The Haverhill Central Labor Union will hold its tenth annual picnic at The Pines September 2. The Political symposium will be a most attractive event. Rev. John Ellis the eloquent speaker and talented editor of the Social Democrat, will defend the cause of Socialism.

Hon. John G. Crawford, one of New Hampshire's most famous and eloquent orators, will speak for the Republican party, and Hon. Gamaliel Bradford of Boston, the noted orator and famous anti-imperialist, will speak for the Democratic party. Then there will be band concerts, vaudeville shows, and a big list of sports.

Labor Day is the one day secured to the workers as their day. It is the National Trade Union day, and the best endorsement you can give to organized labor is to help make this Labor Day a huge success.

F. G. R. Gordon.

## TWO EVILS.

Councilmen Hooke and Irving of Ward One are to contest for the republican nomination for alderman from that ward. It is a question whose nomination would be the greater calamity to the city, in case he were elected.

Of two evils choose neither.

## HIRAM W. SMITH'S FIRST LECTURE TRIP.

ON THE NEW ENGLAND CIRCUIT OF THE NEW BUREAU OF SOCIALISM.

Rev. H. W. Smith reports rousing meetings in the southern part of the state.

Walpole is one of the banner towns. It has a flourishing branch and held one of the best conducted meetings ever gotten up. Settles were early carried into the park, which was brilliantly lighted, but later the crowd was so large that a new instalment had to be brought, and as many had to stand up as found seats. Several hundred pieces of literature were distributed. The candor and conviction of the workers for liberty in Walpole must cause fear and trembling to any tyranny there.

Franklin turned out more people than have been in the whole of the orthodox churches during the entire summer. The professors of Dean Academy were early on the ground, stayed till the end and evidently swallowed every word.

The local paper referred to "hundreds of anxious listeners." The town is seething for Socialism.

Mendon has an organization for a farming town that is proof of what a level-headed, enthusiastic Socialist, like Comrade William Dixon, the local apostle of our cause, can do. One of our best meetings, for a rural district, was there. The Unitarian and Methodist ministers were present and spoke "hearty commendation of every word."

Passing through Hopedale, between Milford and Mendon, probably the most hopeless dale on the American continent by reason of the Draper oppressors, we saw a costly monument to Adin Ballou, the distinguished Socialist who once had a colony on the ground of the Draper palaces. Its erection there suggests the western woman who shot Indians to get beads to work a motto for her house which should read: "Peace on earth, good-will toward men." Putting that monument there, where now thousands of operatives are ground under a slavery that would make the interior of Africa look pale, is as incongruous as the hanging of a picture of Jesus over a dog kennel.

Milford has the proportions of a city. The finest audience of the trip was there. The papers reported 500 present. There were probably many more, and as decorous as they would have been in a cathedral. Much literature was given away, and about forty books (all we had) were seized faster than one could make change. One clergyman had the kindness to say to the speaker, "You have done good here." The comrades at Milford know how to do things.

Upton had a most surprising meeting. All the arrangements were complete. The audience was very large and enthusiastic. They bought thirty-one books at the close and expressed a most intense interest in the cause. This town is fenced in by a Chinese wall of the Draper tyranny. They pay 50 cents fare for a twelve miles ride over a Draper railroad to get out of town. The despotism of Russia is liberty as compared with conditions that are forced upon the good people of Upton right here in the heart of Massachusetts.

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