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REGULARLY, as the seasons bring along their fruits, elections bring along their fresh crops of Social Democratic, alias “Socialist,” party acts of political corruption. The last batch recorded was the crop furnished by the November general elections, and the immediately following local elections in Pennsylvania. The next batch, now to be recorded, is furnished by the municipal elections just held in Hartford, Ct., and in Chicago, Ill.

In Chicago, there is a capitalist organization, known as the Municipal Voters’ League. This organization has for its purpose to “rectify the slips” of the political conventions. If at any of the conventions the rising tide of popular discontent is felt and yielded to, to the extent of effecting a nomination displeasing to capitalist comfort, the League singles out the nominee for its anathema. If, on the contrary, a candidate satisfactory to capitalist interests is strained through the loins of the convention, then the League places its pontifical benediction upon the worthy’s head. Such a list of “blessed” candidates was issued by the League during the municipal campaign, that came to a close on the 7th instant, and the list was published by Republican and Democratic papers—the *Chicago Record-Herald*, *Tribune* and *Daily News*. On that list appears the name of W.J. Johnson, the candidate for Alderman of the said Bogus Socialist, alias Social Democratic party!

It goes without saying that no Socialist organization, however true, can prevent capitalist bodies or papers from attempting to smirch it by endorsing its candidates. But it equally goes without saying that no true Socialist organization will allow the act to remain unspurned, least of all seek to profit thereby. Did the organization of the said so-called Socialist party act obedient to these obvious tenets? Of course not! It accepted the endorsement and also the praises of the capitalist papers, and it now seeks to profit by

the fact, boasting even of the election of its capitalist-endorsed and capitalist-elected candidate!

And this is legitimate. The Bogus Socialist organization of Chicago—too corrupt even for the endorsement of the labor fakirs—was not insulted by capitalist praise. It knew it deserved the smirch. It knows itself a Simian.

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As to Hartford, elsewhere in this issue will be found a report in extenso of the fraternal, i.e., corrupt, relations that prevail between the so-called Socialist party and the parties of capitalism, Republican and Democratic, which it pretends to be in the field against. No less than four of its candidates for office—Martin J. Riga, John Rubenbauer, August Hartsman and Albert L. Miller, for Councilmen in the Seventh, First, Fifth and Ninth wards, respectively—are enrolled on the caucus list of the Republican party; and not less than five of its candidates—John J. Fitzgibbons, Henry F. Bamman, Joseph R. Brannigan, Alfred T. Tivey and John R. Riley, for Councilmen in the First, Third and Fifth wards, for Alderman in the Seventh ward, and for High School Commissioner, respectively—are simultaneously enrolled on the caucus list of the Democratic party.

The even-handed, decoy-duck quality of the so-called Socialist party, its thorough paced corruption, is manifest.

[N.B.—The documentary evidence of these two latest sets of "Daily People Lies" are in this office for inspection.]

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