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"Every bondman in his own hand bears the power to cancel his captivity."—Shakespeare.

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Socialists in Line.

The Social Democrats of Clinton, Mass., held a caucus and nominated the following ticket for the coming spring election:

Town clerk, Joseph P. Gilligan; town treasurer, August Mengel; selectmen, Wilson B. Killingsbeck and John Benker; road commissioner, John P. McDonald; assessor, George Knorr; water commissioner, John F. Muller; board of health, William Bueckert and Charles Schuepfer; school committee, Robert Lawrence, Mrs. Annie McDonald; auditors, Samuel Davis, Emory Rahmann, Arthur Oehmer; library trustees, Henry Ludwig, Gustav Kieseling; sinking fund commissioners, Jacob Haegle and Leonard Morkle. The offices of constable and three wardens were omitted.

The Social Democrats of Amesbury, Mass., held a caucus and nominated for selectmen, J. Spofford (present incumbent), J. Maycock and John Miller. John B. Blackstock was nominated for the office of assessor and Chas. Wingate for school committee.

Georgetown Social Democrats held a caucus on Monday, February 20, and nominated the following ticket: Selectmen, John J. Molloy and Walter R. Plokering; overseer of the poor, George E. Dawkins; road commissioner, Samuel Clark; constable, David O. Buckley.

The Social Democrats of Milford, Mass., nominated John Wilf for selectman and adopted a detailed municipal platform.

Avon Social Democrats nominated Matthew H. Brennan for selectman; J. F. Goers for school committee; Charles E. Fuller for public library trustee; Benjamin W. Porter, Jr., for water commissioner; Walter Oliver and Irving Iverson for auditors.

Whitman Social Democrats nominated the following ticket: Selectmen, E. L. Morrill, E. A. Wright, C. E. Lowell; assessors, M. J. Teahan, Clarence E. Sherman, Michael H. Crowley; road commissioner, Fred L.

Ryder; water commissioner, G. Bert Mason; board of health, John J. Kingsley; trustees of public library for three years, Albert Doble, Willard H. Gay; park commissioners, Francis B. Winslow, B. V. Lothrop, Charles E. Lowell; auditors, M. J. Teahan, Alex Joubert.

It's Coming.

Do you realize the significance of the rapid transfiguration of the capital of this country? Just think of it all! A billion dollar trust, run by a few men, will control the lives of over two million living human beings. Don't you honestly think it would be best to have the people own and control their own lives instead of being compelled to throw themselves at the mercy of a few men? Speak out! For the sake of your wives, your children and the whole of humanity, don't be too cowardly to think on right lines and openly express your convictions. Think, men and women, think!

Schools vs. Police.

At the last meeting of the Haverhill City Council the two Socialist councilmen Frazer and Bellefeuille, have risen to the occasion and proved beyond doubt that they are there in the interest of labor and civilization. The question of police and school appropriations came up for discussion and the Socialists pleaded for the schools, for a better education and a higher development of true citizenship, while the representatives of the Republican party (and especially councilman Hooker) declared themselves for greater police organization in preference to schools. Schools versus police! Where is the man who dares to maintain that we spend too much on schooling our children? But every man with common sense will admit that we have too much police organization and club rule. Give us more and better schools and we shall have less crimes, more modesty, less convict prisons, more virtue, less policemen, greater respect for order, less club rule, greater enlightenment!

To Buffalo Exposition and Niagara Falls--Free

The Haverhill Social Democrat has made arrangements to send, at its expense, a pleasure party from Massachusetts--two from Haverhill, one from Essex County and one from the State--to the Buffalo Pan-American Exposition and the wonderful Niagara Falls. Those who will be selected to make the trip will travel at the cost of the paper and will be cared for in every possible way. Railroad fares to Buffalo and return and all living expenses for one week will be covered by the management of the Haverhill Social Democrat.

The pleasure party will be formed in the following manner:

We have decided to give all persons, young or old, an equal opportunity to be selected. Haverhill is to have two representatives in the pleasure party and the successful ones will be those two that will send in, between now and June 25, the highest number of yearly subscriptions for the "Haverhill Social Democrat"--same to be NOT LESS than seventy five for each successful contestant. One person will be selected from Essex County, excluding Haverhill, on the same basis--the highest number of yearly subscriptions during the same length of time. A fourth person will be chosen from the state of Massachusetts, excluding entire Essex County, on exactly the same principle.

Those who enter in the race are at liberty to get as many of their friends to help them secure subscriptions as possible. They also need not limit the subscriptions to the locality from which the winners are to be chosen. Anybody sending in a number of subscriptions may have them credited to any of the contestants, whose progress in the work will be printed in the columns of this paper from time to time.

Remember, the subscription rates of this paper are: one year, 50 cents; six months, 25 cents; three months, 15 cents. Contestants may send in half-yearly and three-months subscriptions. Either write or call at our office, 2 Gilman Block, for subscription blanks, sample copies and any information that you may desire to get in order to succeed in your work.

The contest is open to all--Socialists, Republicans and Democrats; old and young men and women, also school children; laborers and business people. Don't hesitate! You have almost four months at your disposal and with sufficient energy the highest number of yearly subscriptions may be secured. The Pan-American Exposition will be open till November 1. Let us hear from you.

manity should control all production? Beloved comrades, this is the frictionless way, it is the higher law; it eliminates the motives for a selfish life; it enacts into our every-day living the ethics of Christ's gospel. Nothing else will do it; nothing else can bring the glad day of universal brotherhood.

FRANCES E. WILLARD.

Trusts Fear Socialism.

We have in our possession a small, nicely printed pamphlet, entitled "Trusts," the author of which is D. F. Kennedy, organizer American Federation of Labor. There is no price mark on the title page and there is nothing to indicate the particular party that published the pamphlet. Several copies have been placed in our hands by an out-of-town driver of the Standard Oil Company, and we have been informed by the said person (who is a Socialist and a member of our party) that the great trust has distributed these pamphlets among its agents and drivers in sufficient quantities to reach the homes of a great number of working people.

This one of the greatest and most powerful organizations in the industrial field of the entire civilized world, fearing the awakening class consciousness of the American working class, undertakes to educate the people on the trust question. There is nothing particularly significant in the fact that the author is an organizer of a labor organization. If our memory serves us right, the author is the state editor of The Union, a "labor" paper printed at Indianapolis, Ind. There are, unfortunately, dozens of such "labor" papers and "labor" editors that stand ready at any moment to argue any question "from labor's standpoint" in the interests of capitalism. However, we shall have more to say of this particular "editor and organizer" in the near future.

The fact that the trusts find it necessary to distribute literature among the people--literature bearing the label of organized labor and stamped with the catching phrase: "From labor's standpoint"--is a sign that the upper class is in mortal fear of the coming social revolution--a revolution that will transform the capital of the capitalist class into collective property, same to be controlled for the benefit of all the people. The Socialists of America should be on their guard and see to it that no counterfeit literature of a seemingly radical nature is placed in the hands of the working people. They should protest with all their might against those labor organizations that lead their influence in any shape or manner, to the furthering of capitalist interests. They should unhesitatingly brand as traitor any one who, as an officer of a labor organization, receives pay from a trust or corporation for "literary" or "editorial" work. We are on the threshold of a great transformation. Are YOU prepared? The Socialists are!

Capital vs. Labor.

With the re-election of McKinley as president of the United States prosperity and plenty for all was supposed to have come. Mark Hanna, manager of the McKinley campaign and dictator of the United States government, has done all he could to pay off his debts to some of the really prosperous corporations. Almost everybody has taken an interest in the measure and numerous foolish workmen supported it. But how many people in this country are aware of the fact that there has been introduced during the early days of the present congress a seaman's bill. We doubt if eight out of every one hundred newspaper readers know anything about it. Capital is King. Anything that deals with the interest of capitalism is boomed and advertised far and wide, but anything which deals with the interest of labor is seldom mentioned in the piratical press of capitalism.

There are, besides the seaman's bill, the eight-hour, anti-injunction and prison labor bills, all of which are more important to the welfare of the American nation than the entire legislation of the present congress. These labor measures will never be passed and carried out by a capitalist government--a government which is only an executive committee of the capitalist class. But the time is near when Socialists will take charge of affairs at Washington and things will be different.

The "Prosperity" of Laborers.

The United States Cotton Company, of Rhode Island, notified its 600 "hands" of a 10 per cent reduction in their wages. Cause given: depression in the print cloth market.

The Falls Cotton Mill, of Norwich, Conn., reduced the wages of the operatives 10 per cent. Cause given: dull market.

News arrived from the Maynard mills, which are owned by the American Woolen Company, to the effect that 1100 women were laid off for an "indefinite period."

There, American sovereigns, is your share of "prosperity." We wonder if you will go to see how McKinley and Hanna are inaugurated next week as President and Dictator, respectively. Of course, it is no more than proper that you should congratulate your masters on the "prosperity" of "our" great country. Oh, stupidity!

We beg to call the attention of the Socialist press to the proposed codification of the existing postal laws, which was introduced by Congressman Loud of California. The codification bill contains 291 pages and it is no wonder that so few have discovered a clause which threatens to drive out from the market most Socialist and radical papers. Section 150 reads: "The rate of postage on newspapers and periodicals not exceeding two ounces in weight, when the same are deposited in a letter-carrier office for delivery by its carriers, shall be uniform at one cent each, and periodicals weighing more than two ounces shall be subject, when delivered by such carriers, to a postage of two cents each; and these rates shall be fully prepaid by stamps affixed." The subscription price of most Socialist papers is 50 cents a year, and it stands to reason that very few of them will be in a position to exist under such a proposed increase in the price of second class mail matter.

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Is This a Christian Nation?

Look about you: the product of labor are on every hand; you would not maintain for a single moment a well-ordered life without them; every object in your room has on it--for discerning eyes--the mark of ingenious tools and the pressure of laborer's hands. But is it not the cruelest injustice for those whose lives are surrounded and embellished by this work to have a superabundance of the money which represents the aggregate of labor in any country, while the laborer himself is kept so steadily at work that he has no time to acquire the education and refinement of life that would make him and his family agreeable companions to the rich and cultured? The reason why I am a Christian Socialist comes in just here. I would take, not by force, but by the slow process of lawful acquisition through better legislation as the outcome of a wiser ballot in the hands of men or women, the entire plant that we call civilization, all that has been

achieved on this continent in the four hundred years since Columbus wended his way thither, and make it the common property of all the people, requiring all to work enough with their hands to give them the finest physical development, but not to become burdensome in any case, and permitting all to share alike the advantages of education and refinement. I believe this to be perfectly practicable indeed, that any other method is simply a relic of barbarism. I believe with Frederick Maurice, of England, that it is infidel for any to say that the law of supply and demand is as changeless as the law of gravitation, which means that competition must forever prevail. I believe that competition is doomed; the trusts, whose sole object it is to abolish competition, having proved that we are better without than with it the moment any corporation controls the supply of any product. What the Socialist desires is that the corporation of hu-

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