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Your editor and manager has had to spend most of his time in bed for the past two weeks. Hence we beg our readers to be as tolerant as possible toward the paper. There have been several important omissions and irregularities which we deeply regret. However, we are on deck again, and hope to give you better service.

Socialist State Convention at Exeter, Nov. 28, Thanksgiving day, 1901, met at call of a referendum vote, participated in by the six locals now organized and having charters in the state. Called to order by Comrade Louis Arnstein of Dover. About 25 delegates were present from Dover, Portsmouth, Exeter, Rochester, Manchester and Nashua. Sumner F. Claffin of Manchester was elected chairman, and a Nashua comrade secretary. Ten candidates for state committee were placed in nomination from the floor, five receiving the highest number of votes from the branches, to hold office for one year. The names follow: Michael H. O'Neil of Nashua, Chas. Blethen of Exeter, D. E. C. Duffe of Dover, Thos. Lamb of Rochester, Scott Somerville of Portsmouth, August Minard, John Mansfield and Geo. A. Little of Manchester, Daniel Fisher and Geo. B. Holt of Exeter. Louis Arnstein of Dover was placed in nomination for state secretary and Benj. T. Whitehouse, also of Dover, was nominated for treasurer. Sumner F. Claffin was then unanimously nominated for national committee man. The Rev. H. W. Smith of East Pepperell, Mass., was recommended to the state committee and the locals as an available and capable organizer and an eloquent and talented speaker.

It was voted after a thorough debate that the policy of the organization shall be liberal towards all desiring to affiliate, barring none who adhere to Socialist principles, whether they pay dues to the national secretary or not.

The matter of a state constitution was deferred, as the organization was left to the incoming state committee, which is now to be elected from the above named list of ten, each member voting for five. The treasurer's report showed all bills paid and \$34 in the treasury. As the state secretary during the past year was absent, his report was omitted. A very interesting resume of the year's work was presented by Comrade Arnstein of Dover, whose unselfish work was warmly commended. At the close of the convention thanks were extended the chairman, secretary, and the members of Exeter local, and the convention goes into the history of Socialism as the largest and most harmonious one ever held in New Hampshire.

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PERLEY A. STONE'S QUESTIONS.

We take pleasure in printing below a list of questions sent us by Mr. Perley A. Stone a few weeks since. Owing partly to the rush of campaign matter and partly to the illness of the editor these questions have been temporarily shelved, but we will now answer some of them to the best of our ability. The remainder will be answered in our next issue. The Haverhill Gazette seems terribly worried lest we be unable to answer them, and takes pains to print these questions on the eve of election. However, we are not yet ready to lie down before any such questions as these or any questions that the Gazette editor wishes to ask in regard to Socialism (and he needs to ask many). It will probably be necessary for him, however, to take a preliminary course in elementary economics to enable him to understand us. The questions are as follows:

Haverhill, Nov. 11, 1901.

Editors of The Clarion:

Gentlemen—Will you kindly state in your next issue:

First—How you propose, in the Co-operative Commonwealth, to acquire possession of and the title to the plants and machinery of large manufacturing firms and corporations—also that of real estate owned by corporations and individuals—also that of banks and other financial institutions? Will the workman who owns a humble dwelling and lot of land be exempt from the operation of the new principle?

Second—How do you propose to deal with the sale of intoxicating liquors? Will you continue the local option law, and if so will you advocate license or no license?

Third—How will you provide for those brought into poverty, sickness and absolute want as a direct result of the liquor traffic? How will you deal with confirmed drunkards?

Fourth—How will you conduct the police departments of our cities? Will you lessen or increase the powers of such guardians of the peace?

Fifth—What will you do regarding the maintenance of the volunteer militia of the several states? Would you increase or decrease its membership? Increase or decrease its efficiency?

In your issue of Nov. 9th you print an article containing the following quotation: "Query to 80,000,000 American people—mostly fools: Why should you tea, coffee and tobacco be taxed to maintain an army of 40,000 hired assassins in islands which now enjoy a peace and liberty of which they have never even dreamed?"—Socialistic Spirit.

Sixth—Do you endorse this article as printed and as quoted above regarding the army of the United States?

Seventh—In the event of the Co-operative Commonwealth being engaged in war with some foreign nation, what method would you pursue in securing soldiers, clothing and equipping them and of providing the funds necessary to successfully carry on the war?

Eighth—In the new Commonwealth would there be any provision compelling men who will not work voluntarily to do their share of labor and of military service?

Ninth—Will there be any radical change in the moral and social relations of the people, and if so, what?

Earnestly yours,

Perley A. Stone.

Socialism is no vague visionary idea. It is a definite body of doctrine, all schools of Socialists, comprising some 11,000,000 voters, being in harmony as to all really essential points. The Co-operative Commonwealth is a clearly defined industrial system to which the Socialist looks forward as an inevitable outgrowth of the present planless system of private capitalism. The Socialist knows that by the natural evolution of industrial society, in accordance with economic laws, the Co-operative Commonwealth is inevitable in the not distant future. He knows that this Co-operative Commonwealth involves the public ownership and democratic control of the land (including all natural forces), and all the tools of production and distribution of wealth. As to the detailed working out of this coming economic system, we cannot

predict, as the force of events will shape these matters regardless of human opinion. As Karl Marx said, he was not writing a cook book for the future. Hence it follows that most of these questions have many possible answers.

As to the first question, How do we propose in the Co-operative Commonwealth to acquire possession of and the title to the plants and machinery of large manufacturing firms and corporations; also that of real estate owned by corporations and individuals; also that of banks and other financial institutions?

The first step in the Co-operative Commonwealth will be to confiscate, as it were, the U. S. government, in other words to quietly take the government, national, state and municipal, out of the hands of the capitalists in general, and Hanna, Morgan and Rockefeller in particular, and put the entire machinery of government into the hands of the whole people. This in itself will be such a revolution as to completely transform our modes of thought. This new birth will give us an entirely different view of things.

Then the government, under democratic control, will proceed to establish its own industries, by whatever means the public shall deem at the time the most expedient for all the people. Whatever land or property the public shall need to carry out its industrial plans will probably be taken possession of and the courts will probably decide, at their convenience, how and to what extent the present owners shall be recompensed. It is not likely, however, than any manufacturing plants now in operation in Haverhill would be confiscated, because they would be deemed entirely inadequate, and for sanitary reasons absolutely unfit to fill the public need.

While this method of taking possession of property sounds revolutionary, this property has all been socially created by the entire public, and not by any one set of individuals, notwithstanding the fact that a few individuals have appropriated unto themselves the product of this social effort. Furthermore, such action is but another expression of the law of Eminent Domain, that ancient and universally recognized principle of government. It was this principle that recently enabled the city of Boston to authorize the Boston Elevated Railway to make its course through the heart of the city, tearing up every house and store in its path. Again, if our good conservative friends who fear radical methods should exert such influence upon the government as

to make it more considerate of the property rights which have been stolen from the Indians and appropriated from the toil of the public, we might say that, immediately the public declares its intention to do its own manufacturing, the public instead of being at the mercy of the manufacturer would have the manufacturer on bendable knees suing for terms, because the manufacturing plant would be absolutely worthless unless the government chose to buy it. Thus we would have the manufacturer whipped by competition, the very weapon that he now lauds so highly. We do not expect that these answers to this question will find favor with the manufacturing class, or with their mouthpieces, Republican and Democratic statesmen.

As to banks, under the Co-operative Commonwealth banks will be as useless as the old Frigate Constitution, now lying in Boston Harbor. Our whole present financial system will be abolished as one of the greatest burdens that ever oppressed the human race. Money loaning will become unnecessary, for every man who is able to work can easily supply himself with everything needed without borrowing; and if he is not able to work it will be to the public interest to see that he is provided for. Some sort of public checks will probably be used as a certificate of service rendered to the public or of a right to draw on the public supplies. Again, there will be no occasion to borrow for investment, as there will be no business in which capital can be invested, outside of the one great government trust. The government will issue its own currency. Thus, you see, banks will be eliminated entirely, and the whole financial problem, now one of the most distressing and complex affairs that ever harassed the mind of man, will be made as simple as A, B, C.

As to that hideous monster, the liquor traffic, which the system of private capitalism has done so much to develop and intensify, the Socialist party cannot foretell in just what manner it will be handled under the Co-operative Commonwealth. That will be a matter for the public to determine as soon as the public intelligence is clarified by the inauguration of the Co-operative Commonwealth. This problem, which has, up to date, baffled all reformers and turned our government into a farce, will, with the advent of Socialism, be rendered amazingly simple. As there will still be demand for liquor, for some time at least, it positively will be produced in spite of all efforts of reformers to the contrary. It seems to us, then, that

the public will deem it expedient that the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors shall be considered a legal business, and that such manufacture and sale shall be carried on by the government itself. This will at once remove the "great incentive of private profit," which now is one of the great causes in upbuilding the liquor traffic and incidentally debauching politics. This change accomplished, the liquor traffic will at once cease to be an aggressive power. On the other hand, the liquor business thrives upon severe labor, physical or mental, unsanitary industrial conditions, unwholesome tenements, inadequate protection from cold and hunger and the worry attending the uncertainty of employment, which ever invest the masses of the people, exhausting their vitality and weakening their moral stamina. The Co-operative Commonwealth will establish such wholesome industrial and domestic conditions and give such ample opportunities to all for physical, mental and spiritual development as to very rapidly diminish the liquor evil. While this argument will not satisfy many of our sentimental would-be reformers, it has a sound scientific basis. We assert without fear of contradiction, by men who are scientifically competent to consider this question, that the chief causes of drunkenness are physical and economic, and that the only way to effectively deal with this monstrous evil is by economic and physical means.

As to the third question, How will you provide for those brought into poverty, sickness and absolute want as a direct result of the liquor traffic? Those suffering from poverty and want, we shall give a "job," just as we shall do unto the idle and worthless son of the millionaire. The sick will be cared for at the public expense and will be given the best treatment possible, regardless of whether they have become sick through drunkenness and poverty, or through the follies of fashion or the luxurious debauchery of an excess of wealth. All these people will be considerably cared for until they have been restored to health and made useful members of society or tenderly laid away. As to confirmed drunkards, the public will be far better able to take care of them than at present. As to what methods will be employed, it would be absurd for us to predict, but it is safe to say we shall make great advance along this line, and that we shall do far better than curing drunkards by removing the chief causes that produce them.

As to the fourth question, the public will undoubtedly be as able to conduct the police departments of our cities as efficiently as it does today. God knows we could not devise a system any more rotten than our present police system. We marvel that any advocate of the present capitalist system should have the courage to even speak of this blotch upon our body politic. A police system to begin with is in itself an indication of a diseased and discordant state of society. The Co-operative Commonwealth will gradually eliminate this gang of loafing bullies and provide them with useful employment. Future generations will look back with wonder and amazement to this system of organized and legalized brigandage with its gangs of thugs strutting about armed with clubs, the terror of the helpless and the abettors of crime. When co-operation displaces competition and every one is sure of employment, reaping the full product of his labor, thus enabling all to provide themselves with comfortable homes and all the good things of life, the need of a police force will disappear just as rapidly as the hopelessly abnormal criminals made by our present brutal system of economic struggle for existence disappears.

The remainder of these questions will be answered in our next issue.

A wealthy man who died recently left a will in which he requested that his estate, which was composed of bonds, stocks and money, be burned. A heartless newspaper man, referring to the matter editorially, says of him that he perhaps knew it would be burned if he took it with him.—Exchange.

TO THE CITIZENS OF BOSTON.

In accepting the nomination by the Democratic Social Party for the School Board, I am not unmindful of the somewhat more than possibility of my election. From the rapid growth of Socialist sentiment within the past two years and from the fact that at that time my vote reached close up to 10,000 I face the possible added onerous duties of membership upon the most important executive commission of the government of Boston. And, although my graver life effort for the past ten years is just about to be put before the public in the form of a text book upon the basic principles of political economy, which this new line of work would somewhat delay, in the event of an election, I should most earnestly bend my energies to the elevation of the educational system within the borders of dear old Boston.

To the men and women who have voted for me and to those who will give me their suffrages I desire to point out specifically that, lacking a working ma-



MARTHA MOORE AVERY

majority in harmony with progressive and with Socialist views as to the true meaning of education, my effort would be largely confined to the analysis of the present methods and of the present management of our educational resources. I therefore earnestly desire that the full Democratic Social Party's list of nominees shall be given the same generous support as that given to myself; then only will Boston's School Board rise superior to the suspicions that are false and to the scandals that are true.

With all due regard to the honest intentions of the "Public School Association," I beg leave to call attention to the intellectual confusion which is necessarily generated by their watchword, "Keep the schools out of politics." I must assume that they desire a right use of civic power to that which moves a school building in the interest of the liquor traffic, which locates school buildings in the interest of private land speculation. (Continued on Page Four.)

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In 1888 (Presidential)	2,068
In 1890	13,331
In 1892 (Presidential)	21,157
In 1894	33,133
In 1896 (Presidential)	36,564
In 1898:	
Socialist Labor Party	82,204
Social Democratic Party	9,545
In 1900 (Presidential):	
Social Democratic Party	96,918
Socialist Labor Party	33,450

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SATURDAY, DEC. 7, 1901.



Boston, Dec. 1, 1901.

Socialists and sympathizers are hereby notified that an organization, affiliated with the Socialist party of Massachusetts, has been formed in the Highland district. All those wishing to become members will communicate with the undersigned, who will notify them when and where the next meeting will take place.

M. H. Touvine, Cor. Sec.
127 Moreland street, Roxbury.

Boston, Mass., Dec. 2, 1901.

To the city, town and senatorial committees of the Democratic Social party of Massachusetts:

Dear Comrades: You are hereby notified that according to the election laws of the state, the month of January is assigned for the organization of the city and town committees. Such committees must meet during the month of January, 1902, and elect a chairman, secretary and treasurer, and such other officers as they may think necessary. The secretary of each organized city or town committee should notify the secretary of the commonwealth, the town or city clerk of their several towns and cities, and the secretary of their state committee for the year 1902, of their organization, together with the names of the members and officers with addresses of their several committees.

In order that the secretary of the state committee for the year 1901 may call the new committee together for organization the secretary of each senatorial committee, where there is any, or the secretary of town or city committees where senatorial conventions have been held, are requested to forward at once the names and addresses of those who have been elected to membership by senatorial conventions to the state committee.

Squire E. Putney, Sec'y.

The Somerville Socialist Club is holding interesting and useful meetings, the next meeting will be held December 8, at 7 p. m., at No. 4, Glover Circle, off Dover street, West Somerville. This will commence a course of educational studies on Social Economics, taking Marx' Capital as a basis. All interested are invited to be present and participate in the good work. In order for society to elevate society she needs to learn how.

Fraternally,
C. W. Saunders, Sec'y.

Brockton, Mass., Dec. 1, 1901.

Before this letter is in print the battle of the ballots will have been fought and the readers of The Clarion will know how Socialism has fared in Brockton. Friday evening, Nov. 29, well attended meetings were held in Brockton and Campelo, which were addressed by his Honor Mayor Coulter and by Comrades Vall and Smith.

Comrade Smith is the wittiest speaker our movement has yet developed. He has a happy faculty for showing up the ridiculous side of the present system. Our present system is as absurd as a South Sea island god. When the South Sea Islanders began to laugh at their gods, they ceased to

fear them. All hail therefore, to the man who can make the people laugh at our great industrial Mumbo-Jumbo. Mayor Coulter has made reply to Rev. Mr. Hudson through the columns of the local papers. Judging from what I hear, both the attack and the reply have made friends for the mayor.

The comrades are trying as never before to keep the names of all the candidates before the people. Among other methods is that of posting up in each precinct, in a conspicuous place, an immense sheet of canvas bearing the names of the candidates for mayor and school committee, and those of the nominees for aldermen and members of the common council in that particular ward.

The campaign has been, on the whole, a quiet one. The Republicans have sent no orators about the city denouncing Socialism. They had enough of that last year. Nor have they repeated the folly of their famous "Eats 'em alive" pamphlet of last year. They have returned to the antiquated and threadbare issue of the enforcement of the liquor laws, and are endeavoring to convince the people that Mayor Coulter has been lax in the enforcement of the laws and that if their candidate, Mr. Battles, is elected a rumless millennium will be at once set up in Brockton.

J. W. Skinner.

Rockville, Conn., Dec. 2, 1901.

To The Clarion:

As reported in my last communication, we were to have Father McGrady here. He spoke to a good sized audience, although not as large as we expected, but the results have been good, as our city election today shows.

For mayor we received 209 votes, the other candidates receiving 196 all through, a gain of 68 votes since our town election. Although not successful in carrying the 4th Ward for councilman, receiving 19 votes less than last year, our gains in the other wards more than trebled the loss in Ward 4. Our surprise was Ward 4; instead of making gains as in the other wards, we lost. It is for the comrades to find the cause of this and try to correct it. Having in spite of our up hill work this year made a leap forward, it behooves the comrades to make a better one next year and wipe out the Democrats. Think of the errors made and avoid them hereafter; go among your co-workers, give them your Socialist papers after you have read them instead of throwing them into the waste basket. Keep it right up; then try to get them to subscribe for one. Once a subscriber, a man is bound to be a Socialist, but your mission is not done with one. Keep up making subscribers for the Socialist press. We shall soon have a press second to none, besides strengthening our organization in such a way that it will be an easy and delightful task to carry on propaganda for Socialism. Think it over, comrades of Rockville, every one of you; don't let a few do all the work. Come on; give us a lift; put your shoulder to the wheel as it is becoming to you. Let Rockville be the first city in the Nutmeg state where Socialism shall reign supreme.

My communication has almost run into a little sermon. I must close now, or I will be taking up too much space in The Clarion.

Yours fraternally,

R. Niederwerfer.

N. B. The Socialist Labor Party has also made gains—that is, in quality. Their quality increases as their quantity decreases. They dropped from 39 to 37 votes.

Editor of Clarion:

While perusing the columns of that staunch N. E. representative paper, "The Springfield Union," my heart was filled with sorrow and pity for the capitalists who lost so much property in the late Detroit explosion. It was also sad to think of the loss of life among the employes, twenty-eight or more being blown to atoms. Too much honor cannot be given to those philanthropic gentlemen who risk so much of their wealth in their heroic exploitation of labor. The working people who so faithfully risk their small amount (their lives) are deserving of capitalist sympathy and kindness. I have no appreciation of the argument brought forth by many of the editors (fellow workers) that the working people build palaces, weave fine silks and woollens and produce fine food for the use of our philanthropic gentlemen because that is the only way that they may live in overcrowded tenements and wear shoddy clothing and get coarse food to eat.

The working (m)asses have it in their power to change these conditions by voting to abolish the methods by which Mr. Editor's employing class makes the laborers support them through the instrumentality of private ownership of land, machinery, transportation, etc., and by instituting themselves as the owners collectively of the means by which they live. But with a spirit of humility and self-disinterest they vote to continue the present system of ownership when it is so much to their advantage to change these conditions. Their generosity can never be fully appreciated.

ed. They deserve the respect and love of the capitalist class.

Mr. Editor of The Springfield Union says that if all Chinamen were like Wu Ling Fang they would be welcome to American shores. Since Mr. Wu's arrival in America, he has consumed quite a good deal of labor's product and has produced nothing; nor has he returned any useful service. We must have a large surplus product when a consumer is more useful than a producer. A good many producers had to starve a week to be able to have a genuine Thanksgiving. That is because they are not in the "we." Johnnie.

Dear Comrade:

A Polish speaker will visit, some time next month, Fall River, Chicopee and Holyoke, Mass., in order to address Polish workmen. Kindly let us know of locals or individual comrades in those localities, so that I may communicate with them.

I hope to be able to arrange a tour covering Salem, Lynn, Lawrence, Haverhill and Boston about February. You can send me addresses of locals now.

Fraternally yours,
W. Fischer,
Sec'y Polish Adjt Committee,
103 E. 3d St., New York City, N. Y.

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS.

St. Louis, Nov. 30, 1901.
Utah Socialists have called state convention for December 28th.

Connecticut will hold state convention at Derby on December 15th.

The Socialist convention at Parsons, Kansas, on November 26th was attended by 57 delegates, representing 13 locals. A public meeting was held in Library Hall, besides several street meetings, the result of which was an addition of 25 new members to the Parsons local. The state headquarters will be at Abilene. J. D. Haskell of Abilene was elected state secretary treasurer, Wilbur C. Benton state organizer, and Walter Thomas Mills was nominated for member of the national committee.

Chas. H. Vall will make a lecture tour during December in the states of Maine, New Hampshire and Connecticut, under the joint auspices of the national committee and the respective state organizations.

The national committee has decided to co-operate with comrades in New Hampshire, Vermont and Rhode Island, in placing H. W. Smith of East Pepperell, Mass., in the field as organizer.

The national committee has issued state charter to Connecticut. Local charters have been issued to Independence, Colo., New Orleans, La., Burnham Township, Okla., Newburn, Va., Mt. Pleasant, Utah, Murray, Utah, and Sioux Falls, S. D.

The following applications for local charters were referred to the Kansas state committee:

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Goodland	Kansas
St. Paul	Kansas
Lafontaine	Kansas
Canton	Kansas
Neodesha	Kansas
Pike Township	Kansas

HOW CAPITALISM REWARDS GENIUS.

Paris, Nov. 26.—Jules Verne, "the of the great imagination," as the French call him, the writer of 80 fabulously successful novels, lies dying at his home in Amiens, old, blind and penniless. His son is now in England with the hope of getting some of his father's admirers to place their names on a subscription list that the dying man may lack neither doctors nor medicine while he yet lives, nor a decent burial when he dies.

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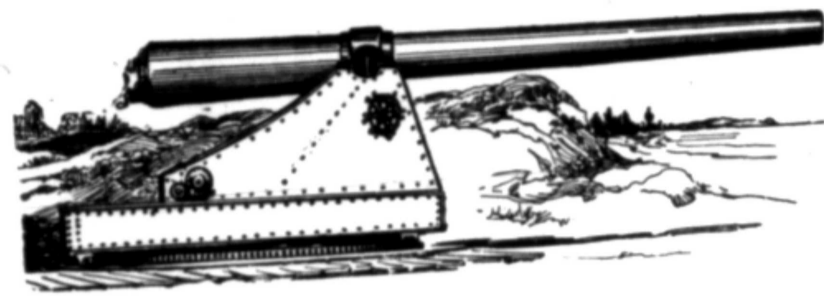
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FROM THE MEN ON THE WATCH TOWERS.

News from MANCHESTER.

The new English branch No. 1, of local Manchester, held its best meeting yet Saturday evening, Nov. 30, at the headquarters, room 3, 59 Hanover street, and listened to a report from the state convention held Thanksgiving day. Three new members were admitted; dues were fixed at 10 cents per month per capita, weekly meetings were decided upon, and the interest was decidedly on the boom. The boys condemn the effort to suppress the "Appeal," but at the same time believe it has made thousands of votes for Socialism.

A Republican (with Socialistic proclivities) has announced himself a candidate for mayor, a year hence, on the ground that he is a working man and favors municipal lighting, "or at least better terms from the present company," which is getting \$115 per light per year for what present Republican Mayor Clark told the writer could be furnished for not to exceed \$60, by the city owning the plant. We give due notice that there will be a mayor, aldermen and councilmen to vote for in Manchester next year, who will demand municipal ownership of lights—yes, and of all public utilities, and they will not be on the Republican ticket either, nor the Democratic. There is estimated to be five per cent. difference between the two old parties, and the devil has been puzzled for a long time as to which is the worse. Come out boys and be ye separate from the unclean things.

Thinking you might be interested in what is going on here in Manchester, will say that "Local Manchester, English Branch," is now established and in good running order. We got two new members at our last meeting and now have a membership of ten. The comrades decided at our last meeting to hold meetings every Wednesday evening at 59 Hanover street, room 3. Sumner F. Clavin chairman, Geo. A. Little secretary and treasurer.

SOCIALISM IN NEW HAMPSHIRE

It is very encouraging to note the rapid growth of our movement in the old Granite state. Our report of the New Hampshire state convention, held at Exeter on Thanksgiving day, published on page 3 of this issue, shows growing interest and activity and a happy restoration of harmony, all differences as to methods or organization being now satisfactorily adjusted. The New Hampshire comrades are now entering upon next year's campaign with a united front and full of energy and hope.

While New Hampshire, in common with Maine and Vermont, has a solid wall of conservatism and fossilized party prejudice to overcome, yet these states have a great advantage in the fight, that they have no bogus Democracy to stand between them and the Republican party and deceive the people as to the real issues. Once the Socialist party in these states gains sufficient strength to attract general attention, the fight will be a plain and open one between Socialism and Republicanism, and the victory will be comparatively easy, as the real bulwark today of the Republican party is the Democratic party with its hypocritical pretense of fighting capitalism.

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NEWS FROM LYNN.

William Shepherd, the man who fills the position of mayor of Lynn, is described as a "very respectable" individual, of unimpeachable personal honesty and earnest desire to promote the "best interests of the city." He is stalwart in personal appearance, and a head of white hair set off by white hirsute adornment gives him a patriarchal appearance. He is of Irish birth but is Protestant in religion and very much Anglicized in other respects.

Mayor Shepherd relies a great deal upon his personal appearance and his character for eminent respectability to maintain his hold on the people of the city, first established through a series of fortunate political circumstances over which he had little or no control. He has not much of anything else to rely on. The best that is said of him even by his personal following, is that



EDWIN NICHOLL,
Democratic Social Nominee for Mayor of Lynn.

he has "done the city no harm." One can easily read in this that he has done nothing, and such is the fact. He is too careful of his popularity, for one thing, and too timid for another, to undertake anything that savors in the least of departure from conventional lines. With Mayor Shepherd the world has reached the social millennium. That men should be dissatisfied with the present conditions is something he cannot or will not understand. He is one of those who make the "modest home" of the "honest workman" an idol to be worshipped without a thought that the workman might be entitled to something better than the "modest home," which in nine cases out of ten is owned by the mortgagee. Everything that is right, according to this man's doctrine, and he clings to it because it is his disposition to avoid agitation and worry. He has been a workman, but now belongs to the middle class, which is the servitor and defender of the capitalist class, and as such he is trying to ingratiate himself with two factions—a lingering friendliness for the class from which he believes himself ascended impels him to say kind things about it and give it good advice, while a profound reverence for the class to which he has allied himself as a fawner and toady brings him to his knees with words of humble adulation on his lips.

It one should sound the mayor to the core he would find that selfish egotism is the mainspring of his character. When such men become politicians they become hogs. In that stage they nose around in a limited pen, and grow into the belief that the sole end and aim of human existence is to "root hog, or die," precisely the view of life which the capitalist would be pleased to see the working class accept and abide by in peace and contentment.

Vote for Edwin Nicholl for mayor and the Social Democratic ticket from top to bottom next Tuesday.

NEWS FROM BROCKTON.

Martha Moore-Avery of Boston is delivering six Monday night lectures under the auspices of the Women's Socialist Alliances in W. C. T. U. hall, Centre street, Brockton, on Woman's Economic and Civic Relations. Admission free to all. Subjects: No. 1. Woman's Attainment and Her Requirements; No. 2. Woman as an Economic Factor; No. 3. Necessity for Suffrage; No. 4. Practical Work Leading to Full Citizenship; No. 5. Wage-Working Women and Women as Wives and Mothers; No. 6. Women as Builders of the Co-operative Commonwealth.

NEWS FROM QUINCY.

Monday night was the time for putting on the finishing touches to a lively and well conducted campaign, and advantage was taken of the extremely moderate weather to hold out-door meetings in Wards 3 and 4.

It so happened that a building in Ward 3 took fire and an alarm brought many people to the locality. The Socialists were not slow to take advantage of the circumstance and had a very large audience in consequence. A decidedly successful meeting was held at Brewer's Corner, where the audience numbered at least 500, close attention being paid to the speeches and liberal applause given. Refreshments were served at the Socialist headquarters in Ward 1. Later in the evening Candidate Turner gave an hour's talk, after which the younger element were given an opportunity to express themselves, and it was surprising to see how familiar they were with Socialist principles and the ability displayed in speech making. Quite a number of subscriptions were taken for The Clarion, and many signified their intention to subscribe later and to make a determined effort to have a large subscription list in Quincy.

It is intended to carry on the work of thoroughly organizing the senatorial district, and plans are being considered by a committee. A class has been started to take the correspondence course in Social Economy, under the direction of Walter Thomas Mills, with ten students, and no doubt many more will enter before Jan. 1st, 1902.

The election has clearly shown that the Socialists are making good gains, Comrade Turner polling 206 votes, 25 per cent. more than the candidates of last year. A good showing on councilmen was made in Wards 6 and 4, and councilmen at large received all the way from 350 to 550 votes. Comrade Coffin for school committee at large polled 521 votes.

The Quincy Ledger, the bitter opponent of Charles M. Bryant, mayor elect, according to its editorial in the issue of Dec. 4th, is evidently trying to hedge when it says: Mr. Bryant is unquestionably the ablest of the four candidates. Did the Ledger know that this same Mr. Bryant ignored a challenge to debate with Mr. Turner, the Socialist candidate, and did not even have the courtesy to decline notwithstanding the challenge was couched in the most courteous terms? We look forward to the Ledger eating all kinds of crow from this out in an endeavor to stand in with the mayor-elect and get a little graft on the city printing.

The Ledger states: "The Socialist candidate's vote was about the size expected, and it is evident that this party is not destined to obtain much of a foothold in Quincy." Rather a narrow view considering that the Ledger has paid so much attention to them in publishing articles from their own standpoint and allowing no opportunity for reply. When we do make a showing great enough to win, the Ledger will have to eat crow for a year at least, as we are not a party of compromise. Jeff.

NEWS FROM NASHUA.

George A. Little of Manchester addressed a large audience at our regular lecture course last Sunday evening.

Rev. H. W. Smith is booked again for Sunday, Dec. 15.

M. H. O'Neil was a delegate to the Thanksgiving Day convention at Exeter, and has a poor opinion of the railroad facilities of that darkest corner of New Hampshire for a convention town. His train was delayed three hours at Epping and two more at Rockingham Junction, reaching Exeter two hours after the convention had adjourned.

A. K. Chase

EASY LAWS FOR CORPORATIONS

Arizona has incorporation laws the most favorable of any in the United States. There are no taxes for incorporations. Stockholders need not be personally liable for the debts of the corporation, it being so stated in the articles of incorporation, and the definition of the objects of the corporation hardly needs to be specific. The last Legislature in dealing with the already easy incorporation laws struck out about two-thirds of the old laws on the subject. Thus it happens that to Arizona now is coming a very stream of incorporations of every class, mining and industrial. Particularly is it favored by the oil promoters. —Los Angeles Times.

NEWS FROM BOSTON.

On the Firing Line.

Have you subscribed?
Vote for Sherman for mayor.
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Send in your subscriptions. Don't be bashful.

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How much are you going to "cough" up to complete the \$500 pledged by the Clarion conference? Speak up, brother.

"Socialism welcomes to its ranks all the loyal, brave and true, shouting the battle cry of Freedom."

Mayor Hart and his push, so it is said, have opened their barrels, and the boys are correspondingly happy. Step up, gents.

Nathan Matthews, it appears, stands



JOHN WEAVER SHERMAN,
Democratic Social Nominee for Mayor of Boston.

as the political sponsor for Collins. Sensible people should hold their nostrils with one hand and clutch their pocket-books and other valuables tightly with the other when Nathan is at large.

The city of Quincy has an excellent chance of redeeming its fair name by electing Comrade Turner as the chief executive of that ancient burg. Turner's candidacy does not savor of beer, boodle, cant and rant.

Whisper it not in Gath, or upon the housetops of Askalon, but is the widely spread report true that when Mark B. Mulvey, business agent of the Boston Building Trades Council and now the candidate of organized labor for school committee upon the two old capitalist party tickets, ran a scab shop when he was an employer?

After reading the speeches delivered by the eminent divines that attended the Thanksgiving charity dinners, it would be well to look up what St. Matthew says about charity. Matthew vi—1, 2, 3.

Did you attend the Harvard-Yale foot ball game over in Soldiers' Field, or were you one of the mob that was kept out?

Socialism does not mean mere reform; it stands for more than that; it means revolution complete and lasting in every walk of life. Stick a pin in that.

It is to be fervently hoped that Mayor Hart, along with his "I am a Socialist too" private secretary, may be retired at the coming city election into the shade of political oblivion.

As for "Gen." Collins, who earned his title not on the red field of carnage, but in the more peaceful pursuits of fixing caucuses and fawning on his "superiors," i. e., the possessors of barrels, he should also be cast into outer darkness.

Let every Socialist do his duty on election day and induce as many as he can to vote the entire Socialist ticket, headed by Sherman and O'Shaughnessy. Don't forget the minor candidates while you are in the voting booth.

A vote cast for Sherman is a vote cast for the overthrow of capitalism, the strengthening of Socialism, the ending of the long and bitter night of darkness of the children of the poor, the ennobling of womankind, the freeing of mankind from the hell of capitalism and superstition, and the inauguration of the co-operative commonwealth. The Scout.

CLARION BALL.

The ball committee appointed by The Clarion Conference, held at Machinists' Hall two weeks ago, is making elaborate arrangements for a grand ball to be held Friday evening, January 10, in Union Park Hall, corner Union Park and Washington streets, Boston. Tickets will be sent all over the state, and every comrade is urged to do something

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Tickets may be secured at any time at The Clarion office, or from the members of the committee, Wm. Buckley, Jos. Lawler, Wm. W. Coyne, Jos. Dolif, Fred W. Guibet, Thos. Hooper, T. Finnegan, or their various deputies.

Tickets, 50 cents a couple, 35 cents single. Profits go to The Clarion.

ANOTHER BANK CONSOLIDATION IN BOSTON.

The State National and the Hide and Leather banks, having a capital of \$2,000,000 and \$1,000,000 respectively, are to consolidate. This is the third great bank consolidation in Boston in less than two months. The Boston Post tells us that "the directors believe that a merger on this basis will be a gain to their customers in insuring them the same treatment and conveniences as before, with the additional safeguard of a large capital and surplus; to their shareholders in giving them the benefit of a larger business; and to the business community in general in the increased stability and resources of the bank itself."

Thus the socialization of industry goes on. We don't hear much about competition being the life of trade nowadays, and the capitalists are daily teaching us the great lesson of co-operation, demonstrating to us the marvellous economies thereby effected. Every consolidation brings us one step nearer the great universal trust in which democracy will reign triumphant. Hurrah for the trust. Good bye, Willie, Bryan. We are sorry to leave you behind, but such is the trend of economic events that "we can no longer stay with you."

Haverhill has already opened her campaign for next year. Arrangements are being made for several lectures and the comrades are full of vigor and courage.

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SOCIALISM HOLDS HER OWN IN HAVERHILL.

Though Socialists in Haverhill failed to elect their mayor, as some of the more optimistic comrades hoped to do, Socialism has lost no ground. We reduced Mayor Poor's plurality by over 150 votes compared with his plurality of last year. Ward 5, our old reliable stronghold, stood valiantly by the guns as usual, electing the two councilmen from that ward, the school committeeman, and assistant assessor, this being a clean sweep of the ward. In Ward 3 we also elected an assistant assessor, as we did last year. Thus we have lost no position in the whole city by the recent elections, but throughout the city have shown a general gain in our strength. And all this in spite of Haverhill's prosperity boom, and the vigorous campaign of misrepresentation carried on by the Republican party for the state election. One thing has been very noticeable during the municipal campaign in the Republican tactics. They have entirely dropped their anarchistic charges against us, as even the Republicans began to see that they were making themselves ridiculous. The vote for mayor is as follows:

Daily, S. L. P.	55
Parkman Flanders, Socialist (S. D. P.)	2341
Isaac Poor, Rep.	3276

The Democrats coalesced with their friends, the Republicans, on the majority nomination.

The following is the Haverhill vote for other officers:

ALDERMEN.

Cyr, S. L. P.	112
Fielden, N. P.	371
Hunkins, H.	2335
Page, D.	1148
Strayton, S.	1542
Kelly, D.	1632
Ray, R.	2228
Tracy, S.	1485
Carey, S.	1712
Frost, D.	1197
Trudell, R.	2476
Barnes, R.	2783
Cook, D.	871
Keene, S.	1738
Archibald, R.	2871
Buckley, S. L. P.	78
Fraser, S.	1090
Johnson, D.	787
Chase, D.	1343
Curtis, R.	2485
Simmons, S.	1587
Morse, R.	2793
Moses, D.	907
Peabody, S.	1576

COMMON COUNCIL.

Hall, S.	112
Hoole, R.	217
Matthews, D.	48

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Mestler, R.	206
Williams, S.	101
York, D.	126

Ward 2.

Ainsworth, S.	53
Child, R.	312
Fraine, R.	293
Gould, R.	75
Thaler, D.	68

Ward 3.

Ford, D.	263
Gardner, R.	124
Moffett, S.	141
O'Connell, D.	238

Ward 4.

Brickett, R.	419
Bryant, R.	377
Hicks, D.	70
Hopkins, S.	145
Senior	143

Ward 5.

Berry, S. L. P.	73
Foss, D.	157
Manning, R.	555
Marshall, R.	536
Shea, S. L. P.	59
Thiereault, S.	549
Webster, D.	125
Woodus, S.	621

Ward 6.

Cluff, R.	686
Falvey, S.	313
Millay, D.	186
Philbrick, R.	681
Twombly, S.	258

Ward 7.

Linnehan, D.	106
Nisbett, R.	450
Rich, S.	164
Sargent, R.	411
Smith, S.	201

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Ward 1.

Ayer, R.	289
Belly, D.	99

Ward 2.

Clark, R.	375
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Ward 3.

Jones, S.	187
Sullivan, D.	230

Ward 4.

Chapman, S.	142
Frankie, R.	299
Fuller, D.	75

Ward 5.

Carleton, R.	604
Hutchinson, S.	626
Ham, D.	175

Ward 6.

Bixby, R.	796
Pettingill, S.	346

Ward 7.

Atwood, R.	565
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J. E. C., Haverhill	1.00
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David Goldstein, Boston	1.00
Wm. Markus, E. Boston	.25

Republican Caucus Frauds.

One of the boldest and most flagrant caucus conspiracies in the annals of political crime is now being ventilated in the courts of Boston and is making fine sensation for the Boston papers; and this crime is being proved to have taken place in the Republican caucus in Ward 21. So anxious have these Republican statesmen become to serve the public whether the public prefers them or not that they have drawn upon their own private resources in their magnanimity and large public spiritedness and have paid needy workmen \$1 a vote for as many votes as each of these voting kings could sneak into the ballot box under various nom de plumes. The amusing part of this whole affair is that these criminal acts were not discovered by the Democrats, but came to light through internal dissensions in the party. There is little doubt that these caucus frauds are very commonly perpetrated by our Republican statesmen in all parts of the country. These are the men who upon the stump wax so eloquent in behalf of law and order. Ten times more deadly enemies to law and order are these scheming scoundrels seeking by their treachery the public spoils than the open anarchists. These are the men who are producing anarchy and creating contempt for laws and office holders; and yet these caucuses are but the training schools wherein the Republican party educates its politicians to sit beneath the gilded dome and incidentally make laws for the corporations while they fill their pockets with the shining metal that insures them respectability and surrounds them with a halo of dignity.

SOCIALIST VOTE IN LAWRENCE.

In Lawrence the Democratic Social nominees for aldermen received the following votes:

Ward 1.	Quinn	283
Ward 2.	Henry	274
Ward 3.	Cameron	312
Ward 4.	Lynch	508
Ward 5.	Benoit	400
Ward 6.	Kilcoyne	319

SPRINGFIELD.

Comrade Jones, Democratic Social nominee for mayor, received 484 votes.

HAVERHILL ACADEMY OF MUSIC.

The Harcourt Comedy Company, one of the most popular of the traveling organizations in the repertoire field, is announced for next week at the Academy of Music, opening their engagement with a superb production of "Under Two Flags." The dramatization of Ouida's famous story, used by the Harcourt Company, is said to be almost identical with that which enjoyed such a prosperous run lately in New York City, and, mounted elaborately with special settings and effects, has scored an emphatic success in all the cities the company has visited this season. Chas. K. Harris, Harry Fielding and other favorites are with the company as usual. Special vaudeville features are announced between acts and the Concert Orchestra inaugurates a new feature by giving half hour concerts of popular music before each performance. Matinees will be as usual, and popular prices prevail.

SEATTLE, WASH., SCHOOL ELECTION.

Walle other parts of the country have engaged in general political contests the Socialists in Seattle have taken advantage of a school election to show the public what Socialism stands for and what stuff Socialists are made of.

We have had a clear cut class fight. Capitalism against Socialism. The capitalist ticket had a Democrat and a Republican on it and was supported by all the daily and weekly papers of the city. The Socialist ticket had a Labor Union man and a professional man, both Socialists, nominated by the Socialist party. Their fight was conducted wholly as Socialists—though they were importuned to keep their Socialism in the background. The results are astonishing, considering the odds. Twenty-five per cent. of the total vote cast was for the Socialist candidates.

It is not claimed that all these were Socialist votes, though the majority were certainly such. But the fact most conspicuous is this, that so many voters were willing to cast their votes for an avowed Socialist ticket.

Only one year ago in the national election when the excitement drew out the fullest possible vote we had less than 2 per cent. And now in the indifference of a school election we succeed in casting 25 per cent.

The Socialists of Seattle have a right to be elated at their success and take courage for the city election next spring. Within three months the nominations for that election will be made and it is now evident the Socialists will cut no mean figure in that election.

THE WAGE WORKER.

By George G. Cutting.
Wanderer without a home, dispossessed of Nature's gifts, doomed to toll while life remains and exploited of my own. Free! did you say? Yes, free to choose a master, or starve where plenty reigns.

Dear master: I offer myself to sell for wages, aye, my flesh and blood at market price—the worker's share—the cost to live.

Can I escape this cursed slavery—where shall I go? Roaming on this earth possessed by others, without the means of livelihood, how shall I produce my sustenance?

Master, have you no pity, can you see my starving wife and children, and only offer charity? Give me my own and charity I will not need!

Chained to the machine I feed by invisible bonds of economic slavery, with ever quickening speed I hasten, producing wealth for others to enjoy (and still they spur me on) till my eyes grow dim and my muscles lose their quickness, then I catch a glimpse of the dingy walls which surround me, and, weary of life, await the silent messenger with indifference, and fill a pauper's grave—Murdered by the capitalistic system.

Republican Caucus Frauds.

One of the boldest and most flagrant caucus conspiracies in the annals of political crime is now being ventilated in the courts of Boston and is making fine sensation for the Boston papers; and this crime is being proved to have taken place in the Republican caucus in Ward 21. So anxious have these Republican statesmen become to serve the public whether the public prefers them or not that they have drawn upon their own private resources in their magnanimity and large public spiritedness and have paid needy workmen \$1 a vote for as many votes as each of these voting kings could sneak into the ballot box under various nom de plumes. The amusing part of this whole affair is that these criminal acts were not discovered by the Democrats, but came to light through internal dissensions in the party. There is little doubt that these caucus frauds are very commonly perpetrated by our Republican statesmen in all parts of the country. These are the men who upon the stump wax so eloquent in behalf of law and order. Ten times more deadly enemies to law and order are these scheming scoundrels seeking by their treachery the public spoils than the open anarchists. These are the men who are producing anarchy and creating contempt for laws and office holders; and yet these caucuses are but the training schools wherein the Republican party educates its politicians to sit beneath the gilded dome and incidentally make laws for the corporations while they fill their pockets with the shining metal that insures them respectability and surrounds them with a halo of dignity.

We shall probably have much more to say in our next issue about this latest caucus scandal, as very interesting developments are taking place; and it is a matter of no small significance, as it involves the leaders in the Republican party in the city of Boston. And yet the Republican party does not seem to be especially blackened by this dirty affair; so rotten and corrupt has the party become that this event excites but little surprise; nor does it materially jar the onward march of "the great party of success."

Nor is the Democratic party doing very much crowing about it, for they are in the same business themselves, and similar charges are made against the Democracy of Boston, and Josiah Quincy's hosts of reformers. And why should we be surprised? This method of carrying caucuses is but the application of "shrewd business principles" to "practical politics." Such corruption is bound to obtain in politics so long as the element of profit dominates the business world. There is but one way to remove corruption from politics, and that is to remove the ultimate sources of corruption, private business, carried on for private profit, which is bound to use the government for business ends.

TOWARD SOCIALISM.

Carroll D. Wright, United States commissioner of labor, says, "I am not a Socialist, but have long been in the habit of studying social and industrial questions, and have learned to have no fear of the word 'Socialism.' It must be granted that all social reforms must hinge upon industrial conditions, and therefore the economic trend of these conditions towards Socialism becomes a vital question. There are 2050 railroad corporations in this country. Ten men in the United States control the whole 2050 railroads. When the vast schemes for the centralization of railroad properties are completed, when instead of ten or five or three, it is one man who controls all the railroad interests of our country, public sentiment will not be afraid of the trend towards Socialism.

The great department stores represent an economic trend towards Socialism, because they absorb the business of small dealers and concentrate it under one management. The working man does not oppose machinery, but he thinks he will not get the full benefit of inventions until society shall become the owner of machinery and inventions. There are three forces that are involved in the economic trend towards Socialism. The first and weakest is Socialism itself, the next strongest is organized labor, and the third and most powerful force that is drawing this and other countries into Socialism is capital itself, and capitalists do not hesitate to say that this is inevitably the result of their combinations."

If Carroll were a Socialist he would not be labor commissioner.

IMPORTANT! OFFICIAL NOTICE.

All existing branches of the Social Democratic party in Boston are hereby called upon to elect delegates to a central committee. In accordance with the recommendation of the executive committee of the Massachusetts Socialist Clubs, one delegate should be elected for each branch and one for each 10 members or majority portion thereof.

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ulators, which places building contracts in the hands of those whose methods debase public morals and pull down the standard of American living below the low level maintained by the economic effort of the trade unions, as that which creates at pleasure berths for political lieutenants of doubtful character, to any dishonorable use of the civic power entrusted to officials by a hopeful but long suffering public—to these and all other vicious methods of using the sacred trust given by the people's power, I too am drastically opposed. But, fellow-citizens, men and women, fathers, mothers and guardians of Boston, do you desire that the schools of our city shall be taken from the control of the public voice—from the civic power—from the mass will—from democracy?—Pray to whom shall we surrender our God-given rights achieved and established in political power by our great sires?—If the self-elected guardians of the public school system have so low an understanding of the duties, dignities, opportunities and obligations conferred by citizenship as to thus openly assail the very foundation upon which rests our blessed educational privileges. I am the more justified in my life's chosen work to elevate the civic consciousness to that pitch of action which will render to our city the service necessary to build aloft an educational structure which is fitting and comparable to the foundation of political democracy. To teach by implication—even that the schools should be freed from politics is to degrade the fact of political power by its confusion with the criminal use of political power. Under our sacred bill of rights, made glorious by Liberty's light and aspiration sustained in our own day by our own fathers' blood, shall we listen to the negative notes put forth in such puny strain? I think not! I trust that Boston, the heart of this great nation, will one day rise to the occasion; that our civic voice will take up once more, in higher key, in loftier swell, Freedom's anthem; that above the groveling use of political power for private profit or personal aggrandisement shall be heard Democracy's call to benefit and to elevate to the utmost of our knowledge all of our city's children.

Education is the initial step, the enlightened path, the high estate which we in our day and generation must maintain and advance, that we may fill full the total sum of useful living.

Thanking you for the honor conferred by your votes in the past, and assuring you that I shall within the full circle of my power and up to the highest light of my understanding guard and promote the interest of the "common people" as the bedrock of the nation's greatness, I am,
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