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THE DEMOCRATIC MANAGERS

The Boston Advertiser is authority for the statement that the Democratic managers in Massachusetts express the opinion that the Social Democrats "will be found eventually supporting the Bryan movement."

"Or something of that kind" is good. It reveals the chaotic condition of the Democratic mind. It shows how little the Socialist movement or the Social Democratic party is understood by the managers of the Democratic party in Massachusetts.

With lusty professions of love for the workingman and a great outcry against placing a crown of gold upon the brow of labor, these Democratic managers—Bryan's board of strategy—have never failed to prove themselves the pliant tools of the supreme rulers of this country, the capitalist class.

How shallow and false are the pretensions of the Democratic party to being the enemy of the Republican party, and how manifestly the party of Bryan is a creature of the existing economic system, ready to protect the interests of the dominant class, was made so clear in the recent election at Haverhill that nobody but a fool will any longer give credence to their professions.

The time will probably never come when a single Social Democrat in Massachusetts will be found supporting a Democrat for governor; it is certain that the Social Democratic party will find effective ways of dealing with such cases, should they arise, and that the party itself cannot be cajoled or turned away so much as the breadth of a hair from its specific mission by anything the Democratic managers may do.

A GROWING PARTY

Owing to the recent victories of the Social-Democratic party in Massachusetts against the combined forces of Republican and Democratic capitalism, it is now established beyond a doubt that the Socialist programme has become a factor, and that it is gradually but surely receiving the indorsement of the most enlightened voters of the country.

Every additional vote cast for Socialist candidates for elective positions will bring to the minds of the Republican and Democratic parties that this new and growing plant, Socialism, is here to stay, and will use the ballot to destroy the system which they both love so well.

ignorance of economics, dishonesty and worship of the political economy of the dark ages, prevents them from knowing what to do.

With the Socialist his enlightenment teaches him that the evolutionary forces are here to stay and headed forward until the social revolution is accomplished. From day to day the development of industry strengthens his position, adds voters to his ranks and makes him conscious of the fact that the future life is to be a collective life—the only life in which man as a social product can complete the perfection of his individuality.

The indications now are that courage, tact, foresight and honesty of purpose are required of every member of the party, and that efforts toward placing men in position in small cities and manufacturing districts is much to be desired, so as to demonstrate the superiority of the scientific collective system over the present senseless, unscientific, haphazard system.

The weather last week in Chicago was everything that could be desired by the Christmas shoppers—and the department-store managers. The latter were especially fortunate in having the cooperation of the weather clerk; they report that never before did they have such a constant rush of customers.

A lot of the biggest corporations in Chicago were accidentally presented with a Christmas gift which all of them must have appreciated very highly. By "accident," the Pullman Company, with a capital of \$54,000,000, escaped taxation.

Appleton's Popular Science Monthly, beginning with the January number, is to be adapted more closely to the wants of the general public. The price has been lowered to 25 cents, and the topics discussed are to be given a broader range.

A third feature of the new departure will be the employment of distinguished specialists as writers on their respective subjects, who are able to present their ideas in a form suited to the general reader, and whose names give what they have to say the stamp of accuracy and authority.

The Canadian and Michigan lecture tour of Comrade Debs was exceedingly successful. At almost every point the audiences were large and enthusiastic. The Canadian papers devoted columns to the lecturer and his work.

The British South African Chartered Company is an agency for the spread of the gospel and Christian civilization. Everybody understands that! Cecil Rhodes is the ordained bishop of God for the extension of the kingdom of British capitalists.

Branch 18, Brooklyn, will have a Christmas celebration at Loebelz's Maennerchor hall, 134 Wyckoff avenue, for which music and other entertainment will be provided.

Roberts of Utah, who supports three wives, will not be allowed to take his seat; but some who support two or three mistresses and only one wife, and already have seats, will be permitted to remain.

A TRIBUTE

While others are singing the praises Of socialist masters who have won, Of man we have sent to the state house, And chaps whose careers have been:

CAPITALIST EXPANSION

E. Belfort Bax in London Justice. If the whole surface of the globe has first to be given over to Capitalism before Socialism is to have a chance, we of this generation—aye, and our children of the next—may as well throw up the sponge as a political party and cry "Kismet."

If the Social-Democracy of every country ought to be international in its policy—ought, that is, to look at things from the standpoint of progress toward Socialism rather than of national honor or interest—there is a special reason why the British Socialist should be not merely non-patriotic but anti-patriotic in the ordinary sense of that much-abused word.

Let us remember the whole strength of capital, in all its forms, is now behind British jingoism. This island has for three generations been the center of the great industry and of the great commerce of the world market. It has now further become the headquarters of the great international finance.

LEO TOLSTOI'S VIEWS

All the evils of our life seem to exist solely because they have existed for a long time, and because the men who commit these evils have never been able to learn not to commit them, for in reality they do not wish to commit them.

compare the practical with the theoretical, to become afraid of the flagrant contradiction of the conditions of our existence and our conscience. Our life is a constant contradiction with all we know and with all we consider necessary and obligatory. This contradiction exists in our economical life, in our political life and in our international life.

FACES IN THE STREET

They lie, the men who tell us in a loud, decisive tone That what is here a stranger and that misery's unknown;

Working-Class Party Essential

Socialism cannot come through the Democratic party, because that, principally, represents the middle class, who are trying to preserve their places in the social scheme by the aid of palliatives upon the present system.

Socialism cannot come through the Republican party, because that party is the party of the capitalistic class, and they desire capitalism perpetuated because Socialism means the abolition of their class and class rule.

The Belgian national legislature has passed a law providing for proportional representation. Under the new system, Brussels, for instance, will elect seven Catholics, six Liberals, and five Socialists, instead of eighteen Catholics, as heretofore.

IS SOCIALISM MATERIALISTIC

It is simply useless to deny that most of the prevailing Socialism of the day is based on the frankest and most outspoken revolutionary materialism. At the same time many Socialists contend that their system is a necessary outcome of Christianity; that Socialism and Christianity are essential the one to the other, and that the ethics of Socialism are closely akin to the ethics of Christianity, if not identical with them.

Still it should always be insisted upon that the basis of Socialism is economic, involving a fundamental change in the relation of labor to land and capital—a change which will largely effect production, but will entirely revolutionize the existing system of distribution.

If you grasp the full meaning of these words you should awaken to the fact that while the struggle for food is a basic necessity, still once food is provided the higher forms of pleasure and development have no relation to it whatsoever.

Again, we must not forget that as morals are not the reflex of atmospheric air, no more are they the reflex of economic conditions. True, bad air probably tends to make bad morals, and so certainly does a bad economic system.

And so we should try and clearly distinguish between the fundamental principle of the struggle for food and the general principle that the evolution of the whole man is the complement and corrective of all other forms of evolution.

Here as elsewhere the beginning must be interpreted from the end—not the end from the beginning. This position has been very ably summed up by a distinguished writer when he says that "the whole mistake of naturalism has been to interpret nature from the standpoint of the atom—to study the machinery which drives this great moving world simply as machinery, forgetting that the ship has many passengers, or the passengers any captain, or the captain any course.

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DAWN OF A NEW ERA

E. H. T. in Haverhill Social Democrat

The greatest event in the history of Haverhill has taken place. A choice between Socialism and wage slavery has been fairly and squarely offered to the people.

Let no man attempt to belittle this victory. It is not accidental; it was due to no chance. One year ago it was possible to say that Mayor Chase won because his enemies were divided and there were several tickets in the field.

Neither can this Socialist triumph be ascribed only to the popularity of our candidates. The citizens of Haverhill are justly proud of the men who have honored their city and their party by their spotless public lives.

It has been a great crisis for Haverhill, but it has been something far more. The triumph of the Social Democratic party in our town has been an event of momentous issues for the whole country, and has marked the dawn of a new era in the history of the United States.

Both parties have received their death blow; although they may stagger on for some years, yet they will surely fall at last.

One proof that this is not a merely local victory is the fact that a sister city has joined our march. Brockton is now in line with Haverhill; two Socialist towns will from this day on hold up the banner of the co-operative commonwealth in the van of the old Bay State.

WHAT ARE WAGES AND HOW DETERMINED

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to capital. Why does he sell it? In order to live.

But labor is the peculiar expression of the energy of the laborer's life. And this energy he sells to another party, in order to secure for himself the means of living. For him, therefore, his energy is nothing but a means of insuring his own existence. He works to live. He does not count the work itself as a part of his life, rather is it a sacrifice of his life. It is a commodity which he has made over to another party.

A few copies of Prof. Herron's book, "Between Jesus and Caesar," remain on our shelves, and will be mailed to any address at 40 cents. You should read it if you have not done so.

CANADIAN SOCIALIST PARTY

The Socialist movement is making very rapid progress in Canada and an organization called the Canadian Socialist League is organizing branches in various parts of the Dominion.

In Toronto two leagues have been formed. They are composed chiefly of former members of the Social Reform League and also include many former members of the S. L. P.

- 1. Abolition of the senate. The people to have the veto power by means of the initiative and referendum.
2. Adult suffrage and proportional representation, with grouped constituencies and abolition of municipal wards.
3. Public ownership of all franchises, such as railways, telegraphs, water works, electric light and power plants, etc.

The organizing secretary of the Toronto League, No. 2, is G. Weston Wrigley, 293 King street West, and this league is doing its utmost to urge the work of organization by the Socialist workers in the various centers throughout the Dominion.

The intention is that when fifteen or twenty leagues are formed in various parts of the country, a definite action will then be taken to organize a national organization and draft a national platform, either by convention or referendum vote of the members of the various leagues.

The Cleveland Citizen (S. L. P.) has this to say of Comrade Debs: "Last Sunday afternoon Eugene V. Debs addressed an immense meeting in Toledo, fully 3,500 people being packed in Memorial Hall to listen to the well-known agitator."

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THE PLATFORM

The Social Democratic Party of America declares that life, liberty and happiness for every man, woman and child are conditioned upon equal political and economic rights.

That the same economic forces which have produced and now intensify the capitalist system, will compel the adoption of Socialism, the collective ownership of the means of production for the common good and welfare, or result in the destruction of civilization.

That the trade union movement and independent political action are the chief emancipating factors of the working class, the one rendering it economically, the other its political wing, and that both must co-operate to abolish the capitalist system of production and distribution.

Where, the Social Democratic Party of America declares its object to be the establishment of a system of co-operative production and distribution through the restoration to the people of all the means of production and distribution to be administered by organized society in the interest of the whole people, and the complete emancipation of society from the domination of capitalism.

That the solidarity of labor connecting us with millions of class-conscious fellow-workers throughout the civilized world will lead to international Socialism, the brotherhood of man. As ending in this direction, we make the following demands:

- 1. Revision of our antiquated Federal Constitution, in order to remove the obstacles to full and complete control of government by all the people.
2. The public ownership of all industries controlled by monopolies, trusts and combines.
3. The public ownership of all railroads, telegraph lines, communication, water-works, gas and electric plants, and other public utilities.

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CALL TO ACTION

ORGANIZE FOR 1900

There are few communities in this country today without from one to a dozen Socialists who are not affiliated with a Socialist organization.

In almost every community a thoroughly wide-awake and earnest Socialist with little exertion could in one week effect the organization of a Branch of the Social Democratic Party.

The Declaration of Principles and Political Demands of this party will be found in this UNCOMPROMISING SOCIALIST PAPER; read it and you will see that the party is a straight, uncompromising Socialist organization, recognized as such in the International movement for Socialism.

The triumph of the Socialist cause, which is the cause of the world democracy, requires organization, and without it nothing can be accomplished; this party is controlled by no individual nor by any set of individuals short of its entire membership through the referendum.

The year 1900 will be one of great and far-reaching importance to the people and especially to the intelligent, wealth-producing people of the United States; the latter have surely by this time begun to see the futility of any longer giving support to capitalistic parties.

Socialists should have as their main object in 1900 the polling of every vote possible for straight and uncompromising Socialism, and to do this the co-operation of every unattached Socialist in the work of organization, where he lives, is necessary.

The Social Democratic Party is now organized in more than half the States; it consists of Local Branches, State Unions and a National Council. A Local Branch may be organized with five members. It will nominate candidates for President and Vice-President next March.

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