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## THE MAYOR'S APPOINTEES REJECTED AT HAVERHILL

BY THE REPUBLICAN ALDERMEN

Who Now Wish They Had It to Do Over Again—The Public Interests Betrayed by Old Party Politicians—Our Cause Thrives.

The fires of old party intrigue and corruption, which for the past few weeks have been smoldering unseen by many, last Thursday evening burst into flame almost causing the political pot to reach the boiling point.

The palsied arm of the local Republican body, in a fit of desperation at our continued advance in the estimation of the people since last election, has struck a blow at the forces of good government and progress. The effect of the onslaught will be but the means of gathering together and solidifying around our standard the elements which stand for the just and impartial enforcement of our laws.

To say that the minds of the local politicians are filled with fear and apprehension, is to put it mildly; they have seen the infant Socialism grow and develop into a young giant of whose powers they stand in awe.

When they see the representatives of this movement at city hall, young workmen all of them, men unskilled in the political trickery and deception with which the betrayers of the people have gained their victories of the past, withstand their efforts to push them down, brush away the obstacles that are placed before them, endeavoring themselves to the people, and advance holding aloft the banner of humanity, their little hearts shrivel up (if they have any); their hands tremble, and apparently they are on the verge of nervous prostration. This is about their condition at this writing. By the injection of, to them, invigorating fluid drawn from the cesspools of corruption which abound in this country, they may revive sufficiently to ply their vocation until the fall election.

Last Thursday evening both branches of the city council convened. For weeks past great interest has been manifest in this meeting for the reason that the appointments of city marshal, assistant marshal and eight police officers were to be acted upon at this time.

The marshal and assistant marshal are appointed as regular police officers for four years and then detailed for the force to fill those positions for that length of time. For a long time dissatisfaction has been manifest by the public with the management of this department and all classes of citizens were looking for a change, believing that it was necessary for the best interests of the community. We have had the matter under consideration for some time and also came to that conclusion. The list of eligibles was impartially considered and every possible phase of the situation carefully discussed, arriving at the conclusion that it would be for the welfare of the city and citizens to appoint a new marshal and assistant marshal, also two new men in place of two who could not be reappointed for good and sufficient reasons.

In this as on all other appointments and elections of city officials, we have had an eye single to the public good, not discriminating against any man on account of his political or religious views, but wholly considering his fitness for the position and how the interest of the people, as a whole, could best be served.

Our choice was a wise one and met with the endorsement of a large majority of the citizens.

We selected a man for the head of the department who has by his service of some 20 years on the police force, demonstrated his fitness for the position. His indiscriminate enforcement of the law and the impartiality with which he has treated both rich and poor, powerful and weak, have of course made enemies, but many more friends. The fact that his enemies are of those who are constantly trying to evade and infringe upon the law, and are influential and powerful factors with the class who have run the police department pretty much as they wished, are but facts which speak in his favor.

The appointees for the other positions were also men of unblemished character and whose fitness was also conceded. The meeting opened with a large number of citizens present, all expectant and anxious to see what would be done. Routine business was transacted and then came the appointments. Five of the appointments were confirmed. These were officers who are already on the force, but whose terms expire this year and were reappointed. The appointment of the present marshal as patrolman was laid on the table, the four Republicans not being sure, but that if they confirmed him as patrolman he would not be

eligible to serve as marshal. The two new appointments made by Mayor Chase were rejected, also that of marshal and assistant marshal by vote of 4 to 3, the four Republicans standing against any change whatever in the department. None of the men rejected are Socialists. The Republicans voted against men of their own political faith. Many of their own party have no hesitancy in saying that their unwise action will cause our vote to increase many hundreds.

The reasons which caused their action in this matter are of course best known to themselves. But we have a good idea of them and so have the people. Even their own paper, the Gazette, condemns their course and it is safe to say that if they had to do it again a different policy would be pursued.

It might be interesting for you to know that the Republican state machine had an agent here that day in the guise of a Boston newspaper reporter. An interview with Comrade Chase was published in a Boston paper, in which the mayor is quoted as saying many things he never uttered.

During the session which was a lively one our comrades Flanders, Bean and Bradley were engaged in several debates with the opposition, out of which they came with flying colors, much to the discomfort of their opponents. When the new appointments were made, the Republicans questioned Comrade Chase as to his reasons for the change. They did not expect he would answer, but much to their surprise he gave his reasons, coolly and forcibly rising to the level of the occasion and demonstrating again as he has many times before that he is more than a match for these foxes in the political menagerie.

While these events were transpiring in the board of aldermen our comrades in the common council were having a hot fight in their effort to uphold the cause of the people.

The order granting the street laborers a half holiday Saturdays without loss of pay, of which I spoke in my last letter, came up early in this meeting. Objections to this just measure were immediately raised by a large property holder (or as one of his colleagues stated at a meeting of the council last year, "A Big Voter") a councilman from Ward 1, who argued that as the property class paid the taxes, the nine councilmen who did not pay a cent of taxes should not vote away the money of the taxpayers.

This was an excellent opportunity for our comrades to get in some good work and Comrade Gillen rose to the occasion and enlightened the old gentleman in creditable style.

He showed to him the fallacy of his position; in the course of his remarks he said: "Labor is the sole wealth creating power and the wealth which you and your class hold and on which you claim to pay taxes but represents the amount you have exploited from my class. It is the laborer in your employ who creates the wealth, but you through the unjust system which you seek to maintain and perpetuate upon him gives you the power to retain a portion of what he creates." The order was lost on a tie vote, our men of course standing for it.

A hot debate followed on the attempt of the opposition to return to the contract system on public works. In this they were successful to the extent of getting an order through the city council ordering the erection of a school house by contract. The mayor yet has to sign it before it goes into effect and this will hardly be done. More about this part later.

In this controversy Comrade Hills-grove, who is a member of the public property committee, made a telling speech. Our comrade spoke in part as follows: "I am unalterably opposed to the contract system, it has a damaging effect on my class, and anything which is of that nature you can depend on my opposing it first, last and all the time. I know the motive which is behind this move on your part. By the city doing its own work wages have been increased and the carpenters have reorganized their union. You fear the inroads which this will make into the pocket books of your friends, the contractors. I know it is they who are impelling you in this direction."

Comrade Bellefeuille also entered an earnest protest. The order passed, but will not get much farther.

Comrade Chase has been looking into the project of establishing a municipal bath house. It seems that it may be possible to secure a good location for this much desired necessity for the health and enjoyment of the people.

We are getting along finely, but are rather impatient and eager for the arrival of the fall campaign when we hope to wipe out the remaining odor of corruption which can plainly be scented in city hall after a meeting such as we had last week.

C. A. Fraser.  
Haverhill, Mass., July 9, 1899.

## WHAT IS THERE IN THE MONEY QUESTION

INTERESTING DISCUSSION BEGUN

Comrade Bonsall Sets Forth What He Claims is the True Science and Function of Money in Reply to Comrade Ladoff.

In asking the privilege of replying to the series of articles by Comrade Ladoff on the money question, recently published in the Herald, my purpose is not so much to take issue with him concerning the silver problem in itself as it is to show wherein he is wrong fundamentally as to the true nature and functions of money.

Nevertheless, I hope to find room, in the limit of space and articles allotted to me, to show the error of his arguments and assumptions concerning the free and unlimited coinage of silver—16 to 1, as well.

In the first place, it is absolutely necessary that we have a clear understanding of what that wondrous instrument of association called money really is.

Mr. Ladoff has not fully analyzed its real nature and functions; else he would not have fallen into the contradictions and erroneous statements which appear in his several articles.

Let us analyze some of them: He uses the meaningless term "intrinsic value." There is no such thing in existence. It would be as proper to use the term "intrinsic distance."

"Value" is relative, and not intrinsic. Gold possesses the intrinsic quality of malleability, and if all the people of the world should die to-morrow, that quality would still remain; but nothing would possess value, because value is absolutely and entirely dependent upon human existence, necessities and desires.

In the same improper way he uses the term "measure of value," as applied to gold.

There is no such thing. No commodity can measure the value of any one thing, much less the value of things in general, for the simple reason that value, as before stated, is dependent on human needs, and no other factor can create or "measure" it.

Again, Mr. Ladoff declares: "Not the stamp of the government, but the price of the material out of which the money is made decides the real value of money."

Of course by this he means—the quantity of commodities that the money will buy; for no other meaning could be attached to the proposition.

Now, look: In another place he declares this:

"If the quantity of money is doubled the prices will double. That is a law of political economy."

Here is a blank contradiction. No two propositions could be more conflicting or contradictory. Which is correct? If his first declaration that the commodity value determines the monetary value, then the amount of any given article which one gold dollar would buy, would be exactly the same whether one thousand of them, or ten billions of them were in circulation; all other things being equal.

The proposition is the very incarnation of absurdity.

His other proposition, to wit: that the quantity of money in circulation regulates prices, is perfectly true, and when you come to analyze this law carefully, you will find that it demolishes nearly all the other assumptions and arguments found in Comrade L.'s articles.

It proves that money is not a creation of nature, but of law. As Aristotle puts it: "Money exists, not by nature, but by law." The piece of gold is no more the "dollar" than the iron weight is the "pound," than the stick of wood is the "yard," than the basket is the "bushel." Substance and function are separate and distinct.

Money is a function; and if we try to relate the substance upon which it is stamped, fundamentally, with the function, we invariably get muddled.

The clearest writer I know of on money, in a little pamphlet entitled "The Philosophy of Money, Price and Value," says:

"Every nation enacts laws compelling its citizens to tender certain things—variously called 'dollars,' 'pounds,' 'francs,' etc., as the only legal means of payment of debts and taxes. This is the vital point of the whole money question. These things, loosely spoken of as 'money,' are really only monetized paper or metal coins, representing the national monetary denominations."

Money then is purely representative in its character, and if procured honestly and legitimately, is simply a certificate of useful service or value parted with.

There is a great host of unquestioned authorities to substantiate this proposi-

tion. I will quote one more. Judge Joel Tiffany, in his great work entitled "Government and Constitutional Law," page 225:

"The authority of the nation to supply itself with the amount of money necessary for any emergency, is not confined to the use of any particular metal, or to any metal at all. The quality of money is neither gold nor silver, nor any precious metal. It is simply the sovereign authority of the nation so impressed upon any substance as by its presence to represent such authority in determining at what price or value it shall be received in discharge of legal obligations."

Is it necessary to argue or quote farther in order to fully substantiate this vital, fundamental principle?

Assuming that it is absolutely unassailable, I will proceed in my next paper to deduce some economic principles from it, and to also show that, while the present system, in so far as it ties us to the single gold standard, is quite un-socialistic and uneconomic, and must necessarily be repudiated by all true Socialists, it is not necessarily, fundamentally and unavoidably the system that we must have under our present government.

Congress could demonetize both gold and silver absolutely, consigning those two metals to the realm of use in consumption and commerce, exactly the same as iron, copper and lead, temporarily suspend all taxation, and pay all of the expenses of the government in a new issue of full legal tender paper money, say for 5 years, and still retain the present competitive and wage systems, and the result would be of immense value and benefit to all the industrial people.

In concluding number one, let me add that I am in favor of such demonetization; but if gold is to be retained, then the free and unlimited coinage of both gold and silver, at the old ratio of 16 to 1, would be far better for the whole people than the free and unlimited coinage of gold alone.

No man can be a full-grown scientific Socialist without understanding the true science of money.

Charles Bonsall.

Salem, Ohio.

## Hours of Work Under Socialism

Many attempts have been made to calculate the number of hours during which it would be necessary for each member of the community to work, under a socialist organization of industry, in order to produce the comforts of life for all. Taking into consideration the development of machinery and the enormous concentration of industry under socialism, with the consequent saving of waste, it may be stated without fear of contradiction that a four-hour working day would amply supply the needs of the whole community. Speaking on this subject, Prof. Th. Hertzka, of Vienna, Austria, says:

"I have calculated how much labor and time are necessary, with the aid of the present mechanical appliances, to produce what is required to support in ease and comfort the 22,000,000 inhabitants of Austria, viz.: food, clothes and shelter, consisting of a five-room house to the family, and including fuel, medicine, furniture and utensils. I find that it would require 26,000,000 acres of arable land and 8,000,000 acres in pasture, or about 11-2 acres per capita, and 615,000 workmen, working 11 hours per day, 300 days in the year.

"These 615,000 are but 12.3 per cent of the population able to work, excluding the women, children below 16 years of age and men above 50 years. If, instead of these 615,000 men, the whole 5,000,000 men able to work were engaged, they would need to work but 37 days in the year; or if they were to work 300 days of the year, they would need to work only 1 hour and 22 1-2 minutes per day.

"Again, if all the luxuries of life were included, it would require 1,000,000 workmen, or 20 per cent of the population able to work, 2 hours and 12 minutes per day, 300 days in the year. With this working power the 22,000,000 Austrians would be supplied with all their hearts could possibly desire. But if, again, the whole 5,000,000 men were employed 2 hours and 12 minutes per day, they would need to work 2 months of the year only. Behold what time could be spared for study and pleasures, while the cares of life, in so far as wealth is concerned, would be obliterated altogether."

The Chicago Record says that if a railroad trust is to be formed, and present indications clearly point that way, it ought to be subject to "the control of a public body having power commensurate with its supposed duties and responsibilities." Since the smaller trusts have had the power to control public bodies, there is little encouragement to believe that a railroad trust would be less potential. Real power resides in the trusts and all attempts of public bodies to control them have failed.

## DIRECT LEGISLATION UNDER DISCUSSION

A FETISH VS. MEANS TO AN END

One Writer Who Hopes the Social Democratic Party Will Leave the Candles on this Altar to Bourgeois Hands—A Word About Land.

As a well-wisher of the Social Democratic party, with high hopes for its future, I was delighted to see Comrade Heath's letter on the Referendum. The referendum may be a good thing. Most Socialists think it is. So be it. Don't let us make this a rock upon which our vessel shall wreck and split. But let us remember that the referendum is a means, not an end. Middle-class or bourgeois reformers, who shrink from bold, outspoken, class-conscious Socialism, who are not yet ready to stand shoulder to shoulder with the toiling, sweating, proletarians, will give it sufficient prominence. As Socialists we should be willing to use it as a means; we should be unwilling to worship it as an end.

Let us do justice to the Fabians. They have done a splendid educational work, which will bring forth fruit to be gathered by International Social Democracy. Last winter I had a conversation with Mr. J. R. McDonald, of London, of the Fabian society and of the Executive Committee of the Independent Labor party, on this subject. He informed me that he personally was opposed to the referendum, but that his opposition to it made him a heretic among English Socialists. Americans should abolish the United States supreme court and the United States senate and make the house of representatives omnipotent. We should elect its members for short terms, say one year, have them take their seats soon after election when they are fresh from the people and hold them strictly accountable to the people.

I fully agree with Mr. McDonald in all these views. I cannot see that opposition to the referendum, coupled with a desire for radical reform in our system of representative government, is undemocratic or that it implies distrust of the people.

Our duty as Socialists is to educate the people to want the right things. When they want the right things badly enough they will find out a way to get them with or without the referendum, and God help the politician who shall stand in their way!

The future belongs to the Proletarians. This means a heavy weight of responsibility. To meet this responsibility wisely and well the people need and have a right to the very best possible leadership.

In spite of all this, most Socialists want the referendum. It may be of much use to us in the transition period. Therefore I bow my judgment to that of the majority of Socialists and am willing to support a platform including a direct legislation plank, but I refuse to make a fetish of it, and I hope the S. D. P. will also leave the care of the candles on this altar to bourgeois hands.

Now a word as to the farmers' platform. In its present shape let it go by the board. The S. D. P. is better off without it. Nevertheless the farmers should be told that land will be the last thing to be Socialized. Society will take over into its possession the means of production and distribution as fast as they shall be sufficiently concentrated, when the divorce of Capital and Labor is complete. The land of the small farmer will be the last tool or instrument of production to reach this stage in economic evolution. Until that stage is reached the Socialists will be the best friends and defenders of the small farmer. When that stage is reached the small farmer will be the first to demand the collective ownership of land. Capitalist production with all its nurseries spring, as Marx has shown, from the divorce of capital and labor. On the small farm this divorce has not as yet taken place, and we must wait for the inevitable evolution before we can bring in the revolution.

Failure to see this is the error of the single taxers. We must avoid this and explain our true position to the farmers.

This is the position of Guesde, Lafargue, Deville, Morel and the other leading French Marxians, as I could show by many quotations, but I will not take the space.

A plank making this clear would be wise and scientific, but if I may take the liberty, let me advise the greatest caution and circumspection before the adoption of demands for specific reforms in the interest of any class save the proletariat.

Robt. Rives La Monte.

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CHICAGO, SATURDAY, JULY 22, 1899.

Comrade Winchevsky contributes to this number of The Herald another of his admirable short stories in the series headed "International Sketches."

Our Haverhill correspondent tells an interesting story of recent proceedings in the city council. The Republicans of Haverhill, backed by the state machine of their party, seem incapable of doing anything that does not result in raising the Socialists higher and higher in public estimation.

The strike of the street railway men at Brooklyn, according to special telegrams from New York, was started and aided by men in the interest of Wall street for speculative purposes. If the truth could be known, the same class were no doubt responsible for the riot with which the strike was inaugurated.

The Chicago newspapers admit that bail no longer holds the man indicted for jury bribing. The reason seems to be that fixing juries is done chiefly in the interest of corporations like the Illinois Central Railway Company, which is just now interesting itself in keeping detectives off the trail of the notorious Dan Coughlin.

One feature of the Brooklyn strike contains a lesson for those reformers who would somehow get the government to grant the use of sufficient land and tools of production to put the unemployed to work. On the first day of the strike most of the cars in Brooklyn were running with new men, drawn from capitalism's reserve army of the unemployed.

The Socialists of France are opposed to the policy of the cabinet to hush up the scandal back of the Dreyfus case, in the event of his acquittal, and will insist on the most searching investigation of all the circumstances connected with the conspiracy. No party in France is in so good a position to do this as the Socialists, who have been constantly on the side of truth and justice.

"Socialism is Europe's Fear," says daily newspaper, and it goes on to show that in four great European states, Socialism has forced itself to the center of the stage. But this is only a beginning, and if there is any reason to fear Socialism, then the fear will become greater, for it will force itself to the center of the stage in every country on earth. Hurrah for International Socialism!

The statement printed by capitalistic newspapers that the "Demands for Farmers" were dropped by the National Executive Board of the S. D. P. without reference to the membership is a pure fabrication. The truth is that the action of the conference of July 6, which was unanimous, is now before all the branches for a referendary vote. The referendum is in full force and effect in the Social Democratic party.

A rich political debaucher of Cadiz, Ohio, who is a candidate for the republican nomination for congress, is out with a proposition that the nomination be put up for sale to the highest bidders and starts the bids with an offer of \$10,000. If the nomination is knocked down to him he agrees to donate his salary to the purpose of sending four students to a capitalistic university to be "educated." It's a great scheme! Sell the public offices at auction and fill such institutions as the Chicago university—"mother of democracy!"—with the sons of the "highest bidders."

Simultaneously with the discussion on direct legislation in the columns of this paper, the referendum, a governing principle of the Social Democratic party, is in practical operation on a number of questions of importance to the organization. The Social Democratic party is thoroughly committed to the administration of its affairs democratically and there is no question of the wisdom of the principle of direct legislation within the organization. To act intelligently under the referendum people must know what they want; Socialists know what they want and why they want it. Educate the people to want the right thing, Socialism, and the adoption of a democratic method of expressing their will follows as a matter of course.

A captain in the United States army, Oberlin M. Carter, beat the government out of \$1,500,000. A court martial sentenced Carter to five years' imprisonment. He is not serving his term and so far the robbery stands approved.

A private soldier in the Fourth Volunteer Infantry got drunk at Fredericksburg, Va., and had a fight with a civilian. A court martial sentenced him to five years' imprisonment and he is serving his term, the sentence having been approved.

Last Sunday six thousand Belgium Socialists at Brussels joined in a procession to the cemetery, where they inaugurated a statue to M. Jean Volders, the great Belgian promoter of Socialism, who died two years ago. It was feared that there would be trouble, but that none occurred is another indication of the strength of Socialism in Belgium.

The union coopers employed by the Pabst Brewing Company at Milwaukee have decided that the entire use of machinery for turning out kegs and barrels must be abandoned. A policy of that kind universally carried out would paralyze the inventive faculty of man, perpetuate the menial service of wage slavery and in every way impede progress. Instead of opposing machinery vote to deposit the private owner and make it social property.

The contention of James B. Grant, of the American Smelting and Refining Company, before the industrial commission, that the trade union is a trust and sprang from the same cause as other trusts does not comport with the facts. The trade union in varying forms is nearly as old as civilization itself, but the trust is a trade machine of modern origin and growth. The trade union is a combination of producers to live; the trust is an agreement among parasites to plunder. The good in the trust is the lesson it teaches the producers in pointing out the way for economic emancipation.

ETHICAL AND ECONOMIC NOTES

"Prosperity is in the saddle"—but the producer is under the hoof.

A thousand dead men's precedents operate to keep millions of living men in bondage.

Socialism will bring peace through greater equality of enjoyment in the results of social exertion.

None but a thoroughly unjust man would deny the right of a man who can build houses to have a house to live in.

The machinery of production is a social growth and inheritance; yet it is used to enslave those who should share in its benefits.

If all men would quit applauding what their private judgment condemns, Socialism would be found to be the dominant thought in their lives.

Because most people are alive to the presumed sacredness of established rights and dead to the cruelty of present wrongs, industry is tyranny and justice is mockery.

It is the pressure of want or economic need, a plain bread and butter question, that forces men to become wage-slaves; there is no voluntary service about it; it is nothing but coercion.

You can't find a law on the statute books that unjustly favors the producer of wealth, but will have no difficulty finding plenty that unjustly favor the class which appropriates wealth.

The first thought of a capitalist government is for the capitalist class; if any thought is given to the producing class it is how that class may be kept contented with a continuance of capitalist exploitation.

A chance to live is what all men want; the social evolution will compel all to see that the chance for one depends upon the chance for every other one; for we are members one of another, and an injury to one is the concern of all.

Industry and society must and will be readjusted for the benefit primarily of the producing class, and incidentally for the benefit of all, no matter what becomes of the assumptions of political economists and the press beneficiaries of capitalism.

The only salvation for workingmen who have to compete with machines or go hungry because of machines is to use their political power to make the machines social property; it is the way of salvation for society and civilization; no other way hath any man found.

The advocates of any scheme to put the unemployed to work on government land, leaving the civilization which they have helped by their labor to create to be exploited by those in possession, simply propose that the workers who have created wealth and built-civilization shall abandon it all to robbers and go off on the bare land to repeat the process.

THE REFERENDUM

The propositions now before the branches for a referendary vote, upon which members will vote "yes" or "no," are as follows:

- (1) That the present constitution be continued and remain operative until the next national convention.
(2) That the "Demands for Farmers" be eliminated from the platform.
(3) That the next national-convention be held at Indianapolis, Ind.
(4) That the time for holding the convention be the first Tuesday in March, 1900, at 10 o'clock a. m.
(5) That the following be the basis of representation: Each branch in good standing and organized at least 45 days prior to holding of the convention shall be entitled to one delegate; provided that branches having more than 50 members shall be entitled to an additional representative for each additional 50 members or major portion thereof, and provided further, that no delegate shall represent more than one branch, that of which he is a member.

FREE DISCUSSION

The Herald recently published a series of articles on free coinage of silver and the money question by Mr. Isador Ladoff, of Milwaukee. With the writer's general conclusions Socialists no doubt agree, though concerning some few specific statements there may be an honest difference of opinion. Mr. Chas. Bonsall, of Salem, Ohio, takes issue with Mr. Ladoff and regards his argument and position wholly erroneous. In accordance with The Herald's policy—a policy which we believe can but result in winnowing chaff from the wheat, establishing truth and strengthening the cause of Socialism, Mr. Bonsall will present his views in four short articles, the first of which appears in this number. Mr. Ladoff will reply to the articles as they appear.

While referring to this subject of free discussion, it may as well be said that these columns are open for the discussion of principles and of matters pertaining to the welfare of the Social Democratic party. It is expected that contributors will confine themselves to the reasonable limitations suggested.

The Herald is making no fight on individuals; it will permit none to be made in its columns, and the writer who cannot participate in a free discussion without abusive personalities may send his literary wares elsewhere.

PINGREEISM PUNCTURED

The fall of the great pretender Pingree has its moral. It is this: That the Socialist who puts his faith in false idols finds himself undone sooner or later. That many in the American Socialist movement have looked on Pingree as a Moses of deliverance, everybody knows. No amount of argument could convince them that their faith was misplaced or that they were building upon the sands. Now they know by bitter experience.

"How hath the mighty fallen!" Pingree, the great friend of the downtrodden and the supposed enemy of capitalism, turns out to be a mere politician after all; a politician cute enough to sense the feelings of the crowd better than some others, and therefore better able to fool the crowd. The claim that Pingree tho' false did good work for the people and the lower classes is the sheerest gibberish. Leading the people in a sham battle against capitalism only to turn them over to capitalism disguised as Algerism is no step forward. On the contrary, it is a blow to democracy, and both distracting and discouraging.

This Pingree incident ought to carry its lesson. No man in public life who is really fighting for the interests of the reactionary middle class, who is waging a useless fight against the inevitable development of society, even if he does pretend to make that fight in the name of the dispossessed classes—the proletariat—is worthy of a moment's trust. The very fact that he wages a middle class fight under the cloak of the interests of the wage-working class, stamps him a knave, and unworthy of the confidence of honest men.

BETWEEN YOU AND ME

You believe that the progress of humanity from the past to the present has been one of change?

Certainly. That is, of change from one system to another?

Yes. As, for example, from the slavery of ancient times to feudalism and from feudalism to capitalism?

Precisely. Then you recognize the fact of industrial and social evolution in the past?

I do. Well, do you think that capitalism is the final stage of evolution?

No; I know it to be a hateful and altogether unjust system that must be destroyed. I believe that "forces are at work, which, if not met by some national social program, by some concrete ideal, will precipitate a crisis that will overthrow government by the people." But you recognized and conceded the fact of social evolution, did you not? Well—yes.

What, then, do you think will be the next step in that evolution? O—well—Socialism I suppose.

And Socialism will be the evolutionary successor to the capitalist system of production, will it not?

I believe it will. Then, believing in social evolution and the necessary displacement of the present system by Socialism, that Socialism is "the next step," why do you not co-operate with the evolutionary tendency on a "national social program" for a "concrete ideal" in order to secure government by the people instead of its overthrow? In other words, if Socialism is "the next step" and inevitable as a result of evolutionary forces, why do you hold aloof from the concrete movement for Socialism and encourage the forces of revolution? There was no reply.

His majesty, Bill, emperor of Germany, announces his unshaken determination to continue, in spite of all resistance, in the way he considers right, and the Social Democrats are accepting every utterance of his as excellent agitation material for Socialism. The Vorwaerts says: "The emperor has not been convinced by the sentiments of the people and is following aims to which the people are passionately opposed and which even the ministry unwillingly indorse."

COTTON YARN

Whirl go the wheels, Whirling all the day; They never stop for meals, They never ask for pay. They never want to play, Alack for the "Better Day!" We, their makers and slaves, Small comfort to win, Go whirled to our graves Mid their devilish din; And our hearts are very sore, Our bodies feel the dint— Flesh and blood's no more Than cheap cotton-print.

Whirl go the wheels, Whirling all the day; They never stop for meals, But spin, spin, spin away; And this is what they say: "Who sighs for a better day? We circle the throne Of Mammon the King, Blood, muscle and bone For tribute we bring; One system is rotten, Another's out of ken; The world wants cotton, And who wants men?" —S. W. S.

MERLIN'S MIXTURE

A Vacation Vagary

Taking your vacation? This week's Herald will reach you when you are lying in a red hammock, on a green lawn, under a blue sky. The soft zephyr will stir the leaves to melody, and lull you into forgetfulness of the year's work and worry. Or else you will be at the seaside, with the murmuring waves rolling in at your feet, and the clinking pebbles rustling applause to the song of the sea. Or perhaps you will be starting out for a mountain climb in Vermont, breathing the exhilarating air, feeling the glorious sense of conquest, reaching new and higher altitudes, catching tree-framed glimpses of wonderful pictures of wood, and hill, and valley, and sky.

No? You don't mean to say that after spending nine months of the year in adding to the wealth of the world, you are not going to take the rest and recreation you so much deserve? After plowing through the snow in the dark dawn of winter mornings; after facing the bleak winds of March on your way to the shop, or in pursuance of your outdoor toil; after spending so much energy on your day's work that you have had barely enough strength left to crawl home at night; after all this, you are to have no rest?

You are going to keep right on climbing the treadmill of industry, turning the wheels of business, tugging at the traces of trade, all through this hot summer, when the sun will blister, and the air stifle, and the dust blind, without taking a vacation?

Why not? It cannot be because you are so fascinated with the sport of nailing boards, or sewing cloth, or stitching shoes, or hammering iron, or digging dirt that you are not able to tear yourself away from its allurements, and have to listen to the monotonous sounds of wood or wave, instead.

It cannot be because you are of the belief that the world is just a big factory, filled with whirling wheels, and moving machines, and clanking cranks, and that you were created as a mere human appendage to keep the rest of the machinery constantly going.

It cannot be because you do not know of the myriad beautiful spots in nature, of the woodland paths, the seaside beaches, the high mountain nooks, the valley ferries, the inland lakes, like mirrors framed in green.

You could go. There is really no need of your working in the summer unless you want to. It has been shown, time and again, that modern machinery has reached a point of perfection where the human force of the world plus the mechanical force of the world can supply the needs of the world in less than six months. There are plenty of men who are able and willing to take your places for sev-

eral months while you go away to recuperate, and get ready for the winter's work.

Some 3,000,000 men are taking a perpetual vacation, and no doubt some of them could be induced to take your place for a consideration, if you would let them off in the fall.

You are making money enough, too, if statistics are right, for even capitalistic calculators estimate that you produce several thousand dollars' worth of value in a year.

After living on pork and beans for nine months, you have surely enough saved to have a holiday.

Others have gone. Every steamship that leaves an American wharf is full of tourists who are bound for Europe, and all summer long they will be loitering around England's vine-grown abbeys, or climbing Switzerland's snow-crowned mountains, or dreamily admiring Italy's matchless skies.

Every corporation president has gone with his carriages and servants to his magnificent seaside villa, where he can meditate upon the fatherly goodness of his God, and the innate cussedness of his striking employees.

Every note-shaver, every stockholder, every profit-monger, every commercial parasite, will flee the city and try to catch suckers with fins on, instead of legs.

The human parasite, however, unlike his smaller brethren, of the flea, leech, and bed-bug species, has the power to move his carcass without disengaging his hold on his victim.

This is why. I'll tell you why you have no vacation this summer, except that sort that relieves from work, and not from worry.

It is because you are so contemptibly cowardly as a class, that while you have been making money you have allowed others to take it.

It is because we have used the planks from the tree of liberty to build an industrial stockade, to shut ourselves in, and others out, instead of using them to build an industrial sidewalk from the factory to the seashore.

We are considering our employer's profit more than our own pleasure, and so keep on piling up the wealth he is spending on Parisian prostitutes and Monte Carlo gamblers.

A simile.

I saw a horse, the other day, standing for several hours on the hot road.

The flies were buzzing and biting, in spite of the animal's tail-twisting, and head-shaking, and the sun poured down its fiery rays upon him.

His owner was inside a house nearby, cooling off, chatting, having a good time.

The horse wasn't tied, and if it had been, it could have pulled its bridle off or the post up.

It could have kicked that carriage to pieces in the time it was flicking five flies, and could have jumped over any fence into any meadow.

But it didn't know it, so it stayed in the sun, waiting.

See any point?

As workmen, we have been pulling our employer's carriage along these industrial roads all year.

He has got out for a season, to take his ease in his European cousin's house, and here, all through the hot summer days, we are going to stand hitched to the factory posts, and counting ourselves fortunate when we can flick off the flies of daily debts!

Pity you?

Not a bit. You know better. You are strong. You are not cattle. You have the desires, the aspirations, of men.

Be true men, brave men, courageous men! Fling off the harness of servitude, kick the carriage of commercialism to pieces, jump over the wall of monopoly, and begin to live real life in the meadow land of the co-operative commonwealth. Merlin.

The Herald in Bundles

An excellent way for Socialists to make more Socialists and increase The Herald's circulation, is to order the paper in bundles for a few weeks. Stamp your individual name or name and location of your Branch on each copy and sell them for 1 cent or give them away. Then when the paper has been read and the people become familiar with the cause it represents, arrange for a thorough house to house canvass and take subscriptions.

The removal of The Herald to headquarters at Chicago enables us to supply it for propaganda purposes at a lower rate than heretofore. In many places hundreds of copies can be sold weekly at 1 cent each, if the right persons take hold and push it at all public gatherings. The following will be the prices for

Table with 2 columns: THE HERALD IN BUNDLES, and prices for 25, 50, 100, and 200 copies.

AMONG THE BRANCHES

BRANCH DIRECTORY.

Notices of Branch Meetings inserted for 25c per month.

COLORADO. Colorado Branch No. 1 of the Social Democratic Party, meets every Sunday eve at Woodman's Hall, 1715 California street, Denver, Colo., 8 p. m. Thos. H. Gibbs, Chairman; Mrs. Ida Mercer, Secretary, 1799 Washington street.

CONNECTICUT. Branch 3 (Conn.) meets 1st and 3rd Tuesday in the month, at 232 Cedar street, at 8 p. m. Secretary, Cornelius Mahoney, 165 Frank street.

ILLINOIS. Branch 1 of Illinois, Chicago, meets every Wednesday evening, Thomas Kirwin, Secretary, 204 Wentworth ave. Branch 2, Chicago, Ill., Bohemian, meets 2d and 4th Saturday evenings at Nagel's Hall, 535 Blue Island ave. Secretary, Fred Jonas, 607 Center ave.

INDIANA. Branch No. 6, Indiana, meets first Saturday evening and 3rd Sunday afternoon of each month at Richwood's Hall, corner Market and Noble streets, Indianapolis.

MARYLAND. Branch No. 1, Maryland, meets every Sunday at 8 p. m., at Carpenter's Hall, 506 E. Baltimore street. Public invited.

MASSACHUSETTS. Branch 2, Holyoke, Mass., meets second and fourth Monday of each month at Springdale Turner Hall. Organizer, H. Schlichting, 30 James street.

MASSACHUSETTS. Branch 5, Lynn, Mass., permanent headquarters 23 Summer St., near Market St., business meetings every Monday night at 7:30 p. m. Open house. Public invited. E. W. Timson, 23 Albany St., Ph. Sec.-treas.

MASSACHUSETTS. Branch No. 9, Brockton, meets 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month for business, in Cutler's Hall, Clark's Block, Clark's Block, corner Main and Center streets. Secretary, Frank S. Walsh, No. 332 W. Elm street.

MASSACHUSETTS. Branch 15, Massachusetts-East Boston, meets every Monday at 8 p. m., at 38 Chelsea St. A. L. Sweeney, 191 Webster St., Sec.

MASSACHUSETTS. Branch No. 9, Massachusetts, Brockton. Meets first and third Tuesday each month for business, in Cutler's Hall, Clark's Block, corner Main and Center streets. Secretary, Frank S. Walsh, 332 W. Elm street.

MASSACHUSETTS. The Massachusetts State Committee meets the first Saturday of each month at 7:30 p. m., at 195 Washington street, Boston. All communications and moneys intended for the Massachusetts State Committee should be sent to the Secretary, Margaret Haile, 5 Glenwood st., Roxbury.

MISSOURI. St. Louis headquarters—Room 7, 22 No. Fourth St. Address all communications to E. Val. Putnam, Secretary. For information concerning ward branches inquire at the above address.

MISSOURI. St. Louis Central Branch, composed of all members in the city, meets every 3rd Sunday afternoon, 8:20 p. m., at Aschenbroedel Hall, 64 Marshall St. Lecture and general discussion at every meeting. Public invited.

MISSOURI. Branch 7, Missouri, meets every Tuesday at 8 p. m., at 1215 Union Ave., Kansas City. G. J. Storz, 1230 W. 9th street, Sec.

NEW YORK. Branch 10 (4 Ass'n Dist., N. Y.), meets every 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month, at the rooms of The Voice of Labor, 107 Henry St. Jacob Panken, 141 E. Broadway, Org.

NEW YORK. East Side Branch No. 1, New York, meets every 1st and 3rd Thursday at 112 Clinton St. Secretary, A. Guyer, 163 Suffolk st.

NEW YORK. Branch 3, New York (5th Assembly District) meets every 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month at 334 E. 54th St. L. Fensky, 229 E. 58th St., Sec.

NEW YORK. Branch No. 10 (4th Ass. Dist.) New York, meets every Monday and fourth Friday of each month at the Club Rooms of the "Voice of Labor," at 107 Henry street. Nicholas Rosenauer, Secretary, 331 Madison street.

NEW YORK. Branch 12, New York, N. Y., Headquarters Social Democratic Party, 251 Rutledge street, meets every 3d Thursday at 8:15 sharp. All persons interested in socialism and the Social Democratic Party are invited to attend these meetings and cooperate with us in organizing local branches in every district in the city. Wm. Butcher, 251 Rutledge St., Secretary.

NEW YORK. Branch No. 20, New York (23 Assembly District) meets 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month at Faulhaber's Hall, 1551 Second avenue, New York City. Secretary, R. Hoppe, 328 E. 9th street.

NEW YORK. The City Central Agitation Committee of Greater New York and vicinity meets second and fourth Saturdays of each month at 107 Forsyth street, in the Social Democratic League rooms. Alex. Kahn, 118 Broome St., secretary.

OHIO. Branch No. 2, Ohio, Cleveland, meets in Ohlson's Hall, 65 York street, second and fourth Sundays, at 3 p. m. Lectures, discussions, business meeting, first and third Fridays at 8 p. m.

PENNSYLVANIA. Branch 2, Erie, Pa., meets every Sunday afternoon at K. of L. Hall, 716 State street. Chairman, Chas. Heydrick; secretary, Geo. B. Laird, 225 W. 5th street.

PENNSYLVANIA. Branch No. 4, Pittsburg, Pa., meets every Thursday evening at 7:30 p. m., Funk Hall, South 24th and Josephine sts. President, W. Hill, 244 Addison St. Secretary, J. H. Lewis, 213 Jane st.

PENNSYLVANIA. Branch No. 5 (Jewish) of Pennsylvania meets every Friday at 614 South Third street, Philadelphia, at 7:30. Discussion from 8 to 9. J. Gearson, Secretary.

WISCONSIN. Branch No. 1, Milwaukee, meets every second and fourth Thursday evening of the month at the Ethical Society Building, 533 Jefferson st. Visitors always welcome. Howard Tuttle, chairman; Eugene H. Rooney, secretary.

WISCONSIN. Branch No. 2, Milwaukee, meets every second and fourth Saturday in Geatke's Hall, corner Green Bay and Concordia ave.

WISCONSIN. Branch 3, Sheboygan, Wis., meets every fourth Thursday of the month at Gustav Burgard's Hall on Pennsylvania avenue. R. Schoen, S. 11th street, secretary-treasurer.

WISCONSIN. Branch No. 4, Milwaukee, meets every first and third Friday each month at Mueller's Hall, corner Twenty-third and Brown streets. George Moerschel, Secretary, 778 Twenty-fifth street.

WISCONSIN. Branch 9, Milwaukee, meets every fourth Friday of the month at R. Siegel's Hall, E. corner Orchard street and 9th avenue. Secretary, Fred Brockhausen, 781 Windlake avenue.

WISCONSIN. Branch 12, Milwaukee, meets every first and third Thursday of each month at Peterous hall, 17 Center street, at 8 p. m. John Koepfer, secretary.

WISCONSIN. Milwaukee Central Committee of the Social Democratic Party of America meets on the first Monday of each month at 8 p. m. sharp at No. 483 East Water street. Eugene H. Rooney, Secretary; John Doerfler, Treasurer.

Branch Notes. The branch at Lynn, Mass., is engaged in vigorous work in its local field. Comrade J. W. Brown, of Hartford, Conn., lectured at Rockville in that state on the 13th inst. Terre Haute comrades have inaugurated street meetings as the most effective way of reaching the people. The new German branch at Cincinnati is full of life and vigor and admitting new members at every meeting. Branch 31, Chelsea, Mass., is setting a fine example to all other branches. Organized May 12, it has nearly tripled its membership and is a center of growing influence.

Branch 7, Chicago, one of the newest, is forging rapidly to the front, owing to the active and intelligent work of a few members. Its membership increases every week and the cause of Socialism is the chief topic of every day conversation among a host of people in the Seventh's section of the city.

Every passing week now finds the movement at St. Louis getting into better shape and the comrades correspondingly hopeful and resolute. September 9 has been fixed upon for the date of Comrade Debs' lecture there, and great preparations, in which all the labor organizations are co-operating, are being made for the occasion.

During the summer and fall months, when weather permits, there will be outdoor meetings under the auspices of Branch 4, Chicago, every Tuesday evening at Western and Grand avenues and every Wednesday evening at Madison and Ann streets. Among the speakers will be Comrade Frederick G. Strickland, of the People's church.

All signs point to a strong and healthy growth of the Social Democratic party in Greater New York. The branches, which are increasing in number, are aggressive and harmonious. A good organizer has been secured in Comrade Finger and the conditions all round are favorable to the rapid extension of our lines.

Through misinformation sent to us from New York, The Herald was made to say last week that Comrade F. G. R. Gordon was wanted for organizer in New York. We hasten to correct the wrong impression this statement may leave with any comrade and to say that in Comrade Finger New York has an organizer who is reaching out and doing excellent work; even in the hot months of summer, when to do aggressive work, as he is doing, is exceptional.

The Financial Statement

The conference of July 6 instructed the executive board to examine the accounts of the National Secretary-Treasurer. As soon as the work is finished a printed statement will be sent to all the branches.

New Branches

The news from the Pacific Coast which we publish this week will be received by comrades everywhere as a sign and token of the strengthening of International Socialism in America. In addition to the significant letter from Comrade Andre, of San Francisco, we have information from Comrade A. C. Peterson, also of that city, of the institution of a strong branch composed of former members of another organization. The Herald sends greetings to all comrades on the Pacific Coast and congratulations to Socialists everywhere that the S. D. P. has compassed within its branches in a single year territory from the Atlantic to the Pacific and from the Canadian line to Texas.

Vote on the "Demands"

For several months there has been carried on in the columns of The Herald a discussion of that portion of the platform known as the "Demands for Farmers," the object being to give opportunity for the freest exchange of views on the retention or elimination of said "demands" prior to final action through the referendum by members of the organization. The "demands" are now before the membership with the recommendation from the conference of July 6 that they be dropped. It is needless to say that the members expected some definite action by the conference on this question, but the issue is not determined until a vote has been taken in the branch organizations. It is to be hoped that no time will be lost in ascertaining the will of the members and that the matter will be taken up in branch meetings and the result reported to the National Secretary not later than August 1.

Greater New York

The City Central Agitation Committee of Greater New York held a meeting on July 6th. Most of the branches represented reported through their delegates that they are willing to take up the fight for political supremacy the coming fall.

All details with our organizer have been arranged and an organizing campaign will be started at once. There are many Socialists in this city who have been prevented from working for the movement (you are surprised, but don't forget it's in New York), and so kept disorganized; we intend to bring them together, organize them, and put them in a working order.

All those wishing to organize a branch of the S. D. P. in any part of New York state will receive assistance from our organizer, Comrade G. Finger, care I. Phillips, 315 E. 50th street, New York City.

Alexander Kahn, Tem. Sec'y.

Are you a Socialist? What are you doing for Socialism? Every Socialist should be up and doing night and day, doing something to advance the cause. What are you doing? Are you bearing your share of the burden? Your share is to get at least one new subscriber to THE HERALD every week.

OUR BANNER RAISED ON PACIFIC COAST

San Francisco, Cal., July 14, 1899. Mr. Theodore Debs.

Dear Comrade: Fraternal greetings from San Francisco. We have organized a branch of the Social Democratic Party and hope to prove ourselves worthy of brotherhood in the great international proletarian movement, which is spreading so rapidly today.

Recent developments in methods and tactics, with which you are doubtless well acquainted, forced us reluctantly to sever our connection with the Socialist Labor Party. We leave it with regret, but without bitterness; regret that the party we have fought for so long is committed to its present suicidal policy, saddest because its economic aims are being driven out by its doctrinaires.

We join the Social Democratic Party with enthusiasm, because that party represents International Socialism today and its tactics and methods do not antagonize workingmen but convert them.

Former members are not unknown. Comrade Emil Liss, late editor of the Tageblatt, Independent Socialist daily; three well known Socialist speakers and two Socialist delegates to the San Francisco Labor Council, are a guarantee of good work in the future. Sincerely and Fraternally, Arthur R. Andre, Organizer.

PROPAGANDA FUND.

Table listing names and amounts for the Propaganda Fund, including Appeal to Reason, Edward Wenning, Ed. Anderson, M. Engel, S. Borsuck, M. Alexander, Shapiro, Aronchick, S. Coufman, P. Gruber, A. Bernard, B. Feinberg, Goldberg, Axelrod, Jno. Doerfler, M. Josephson, P. P. Ayer, C. A. Warner, Jno. Conway, S. E. Putney, W. C. Green, Angus McDonald, Joseph Shalit, N. Y., Leo Shalit, N. Y., Golders, Sossman, Moser, Mogulesko, Solinsky, Sossman, Ostrun, Bichowsky, J. M., Cooper, Chabenky, and A. S. Schoenberg, E. Mark, Cash, Emelius, Total \$17.31.

Massachusetts State Ticket

- For Governor, WINFIELD P. PORTER, Newburyport. For Lieutenant-Governor, ISAAC W. SKINNER, Brockton. For Secretary of State, CHARLES H. BRADLEY, Haverhill. For Treasurer, C. W. WHITE, Winchester. For Attorney-General, ADDISON W. BARR, Worcester. For Auditor, ANGUS McDONALD, Boston.

Bay State Notes

The proceedings of the Massachusetts state convention, held May 28th, having been endorsed by the branches with but few dissenting votes, the old state committee was duly dissolved and the new one installed on July 8th. It may interest the Massachusetts comrades to know on what motions there were dissenting votes. Under a misapprehension as to the nature of the question, 36 votes were cast against the motion that no one should be nominated by branches for any municipal office unless he had been a member of the party for at least six months prior to his nomination. The convention decided to leave it to the option of each branch; and the question came upon endorsing this action of the convention, and not upon the adoption of the motion as some understood. I mention these dissenting votes merely to show where some of our comrades are at. Sixteen voted against the section in our platform calling for the abolition of war so far as the United States is concerned, on the ground that the United States cannot abolish war as far as it is concerned unless all other nations do the same. They suggest as a substitute: "The abolition of war as a means of settling national disputes, and the introduction of international arbitration instead." Eight believed that once in four years was often enough to hold a national convention; and one (I wonder who he was) did not see the necessity for any changes in the party constitution. Fourteen wished to have the local executive boards retained and two objected to the plank in our platform calling for the raising of the school age and the age of employment to 16. Haverhill, Rockland, New Bedford, Worcester, Middleboro, Chelsea, Malden and Beverly were unanimous for everything; and Brockton, while some of her members dissented on one or two points, unanimously adopted it as a whole. The opposition to any one motion was too small to affect our proud boast that the Social Democrats of Massachusetts are a remarkably unanimous and harmonious body.

The officers of the new state committee are: Financial secretary, Angus McDonald; treasurer, Dr. M. J. Konikow; corresponding and recording secretary,

Margaret Hailes. Will the branches please vote the change of financial secretary, and send their quarterly per capita tax to Comrade McDonald for the next year, instead of to Margaret Haile. Comrade McDonald's address is 104 West Springfield street, Boston; and he has made himself the possessor of a nice, brand new ledger, in which he will open a debit and credit account with each branch in the state. Am awful glad I'm out of it, because the one thing I dislike above all others to do is to dun people for money and try to keep them up to the mark in paying their dues, as the new financial secretary is going to do (?). It is to be understood, I believe, that new branches are exempted from payment of the first quarter's dues to the state committee. My parting word as financial secretary is this: Remember that ten cents every three months is not much for each individual member to pay, but in the aggregate it amounts to a considerable sum, and if regularly and promptly paid, will enable the state committee to carry on the work of organizing new branches, strengthening weak ones, and keeping up a constant educational campaign.

How many votes do you think will be polled for the head of the ticket in Massachusetts this fall? Do you want to guess and see how near you can come to it? And get a gold watch if your guess happens to come the nearest? If you do, just give us a contribution of ten cents to our campaign fund; and if you want to contribute a dollar you can have ten guesses. Here is the story of it: At our state convention a good comrade, who did not wish his name divulged, donated a gold watch to be used for raising money for the campaign. The thanks of the convention were tendered to the unknown comrade for his generous gift, and the watch was turned over to the state committee with instructions to use it to the best advantage for the purpose indicated. So, contribution cards will be issued, reading something like this: "I contribute 10 cents to the campaign fund of the S. D. P. in Massachusetts." A place for signature, and then "I guess . . . votes." This will give the comrades and sympathizers in other states who believe that the fight of the near future is to be made in Massachusetts, a chance of helping to furnish us with the sinews of war. The more help we get the more work we will do. We've got the men; we've got the will, and we've got the courage, too! Branches can aid us by ordering as many of the contribution cards as they can use.

The branches of Boston and vicinity are arranging a big picnic to be held about the middle of August, also for the campaign fund. Particulars next week. And, now, we have a new branch in Clinton. The formation of this branch is particularly encouraging, springing up, as it did, of its own accord, in a town where we have done absolutely no direct work. We have not gone to them, but they have come to us. A number of Socialists living there, found each other out, decided to organize a branch of the S. D. P. and wrote Comrade Chase for instructions as to organizing. Upon receipt of the necessary information and documents, they went ahead and did the business themselves, a couple of weeks ago, with 9 charter members, and have taken in several new ones since. I have just received an order from them for 700 of our S. D. P. leaflets, which indicates that our new comrades are hustlers. A branch that springs up in this spontaneous way is bound to be strong and robust, and to be not only able to take care of itself, but to spread out and work up the surrounding country. Clinton is up near Marlboro. Comrades of Clinton, just as soon as you get on your feet, and in good working order, we shall look to you, in conjunction with Worcester, to help us get into Marlboro. For some time we have been wanting to get a branch started there.

Comrade Putney continues to do good work on Boston common. Meetings are held there regularly every Sunday afternoon from 3 to 5, on the Charles street wall. Besides local speakers, he has had there, Comrades Barr, Gordon, McCarty, Gillen of Haverhill, Caldwell of Brockton, and Mayor Chase. Last summer we could not hold the meetings regularly for lack of funds. This summer, Comrade Putney's only source of revenue for these meetings is the collection he takes up each Sunday; yet, out of it he has paid the expenses of all these speakers, and when he made his last report had a surplus in the treasury beside! I wish he would take charge of the state campaign on the same terms! It has happened once or twice that, when out of town, speakers have disappointed him, he has had to take up almost the whole two hours himself, which naturally comes pretty hard on a fellow. So, whenever any of you who are speakers and who live out of town, are in Boston on a Saturday evening, remember Comrade Putney, and make a point of staying over night in town, and go to the common and give him a lift with the speaking. Even if you can only speak for ten or fifteen minutes, it will be a help; and it is a good place to practice. Margaret Haile.

HEALTH, HOME, HAPPINESS

Health is the first stone in the foundation of the living temple, the citadel of character. The physical body is usually considered when we speak of health, but there is also health of mind to be considered.

A healthy mind receives and propels thought, is centered and excentered. It is also controller of thoughts sent out from itself, carrying belief, and the power of control increases in proportion to the truth in the statement, and the magnetism back of the thinker.

A controlled mind is a pitiable thing.

A drifting mind is the common everyday sort of a mind. It drifts near to the shore of reform, and then a swift current of the majority carries it out and over to the shore of greed, suspicion, superstition and gossip. It is purposeless.

A mud mind is diseased, worthless. It is "slushed in the bony bowl of a scrawny head, topping a male or female form." It meets you at the corner grocery, at the club, the bargain counter and in the parlor, and says "Did you hear?" "I want to tell," "It must be so," "I don't believe." Mud minds feed on sewage from the great daily newspapers.

Sensation and gossip are choice foods for mud minds. Money-making, gossip peddlers know this. They go to the old woman with a long nose, cheap politicians, have "special agents" everywhere, and gathering up the filth, print it on paper, and sell it as "latest evening news" in the Journal, Press, World, Tribune or Post. By threats of mud throwing they obtain from judges, public men and "society" such expressions of praise as "constant reader," "dear editor," "your valuable columns," and "40 years' subscriber." Mud minds read such vile filth as is presented by the sewer press "to keep up with the times," as they say.

Home is essential to an animal, as the human, which requires twenty years for its young to develop to full physical and mental strength.

Communities grew around the home for protection against all outside forces and enemies. Thus came the first cause of nations.

Next came trade and commerce, seen in the "free cities," trade guilds and trade unions, a still further and a better cause for the existence of the community.

Without home the community would be unnecessary; yet neither can find an excuse for existence in war, protection and trade. Pleasure and instruction are essential to both, if they are to continue.

War and protection, trade and commerce, pleasure and instruction; all these are causes for the community. But war and protection are about to drop out.

Happiness is what we are all after.

A very limited amount of it comes to the mud-minded. Perhaps none, for theirs is just spasmodic.

Health, Home and Happiness are impossible to the majority under present conditions, yet Socialism is impossible without them.

Well, isn't that a stand off? Not quite. They must come together. Socialism cannot exist with Disease, Dens and Discontent.

Socialism cannot come in a lump, all at once. It is made up of lots of good things, and the good things must come first, through growth.

For Socialism to come in a single night would mean revolution.

A steady growth, broader knowledge, reforming of physical and intellectual man, means evolution into Socialism.

Evolution, revolution; a difference of one letter, R, which stands for rent, rogues and republicans.

Remember the three H's, and the three D's. Use the former and have evolution, the latter and have the three R's, and revolution. Hopewell.

Text for sermon on "The Hand that Rocks the Cradle." There are 1,500 women painters, glaziers and grainers in the United States. In Wilmington, Delaware, they have, at \$7 per week, replaced men who were getting \$18. In the silk and cotton industries they outnumber the men; and the statistician of labor reports their wages the lowest in the country.

BRANCH SUPPLIES

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