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# UNDER THE GILDED DOME

There is one thing that I cannot do, member to take half of the time of Mr. that is string out nothing into a letter. Morse, the second attorney, who had tell you of the happenings here in my his time. save only as they have a direct bearing on socialism and the work of things have been comparatively quiet. savage in his manner of : ttack. in Maine. He was unable to get back to the city before noon on Wednesday; on chattel mortgages. Wednesday had been fixed for a number of hearings on bulls introduced by him. There was a hearing on the three of the railroad bills and had been the attorney in a number of cases for the

light hearing. Prof. Frank Parsons main arguments. On Friday the remonstrants for the electric li-ht companies, through their paid attorneys, gave their side of the case. Lawyer Burdette consumed nearly two hours in pointing out the defects of the four bills which have been presented. One hill. That gentle smile is seen less bill was put in by a Mr. Gale of Na- frequently on his face. In view of tick, another by Representative Adams the economic conditions which preva-

One of the last mentioned ery conservative, asking only for a which is daily enacted at the state limitation of the price to be paid by house is fast becoming in the minds of cities for the private plants, that is the both the socialist members a tragedy. cost of re-duplication.

drafted by Prof. Parsons and aims at stalistic class gets everything are the whereby a town or gity goes into the mant parties and the laboring class

Carey was very busy on Wednesday, bill to attend to at the same hour that the electric light a worse kind of revolution. Put on

and consumed about two hours in argument on Friday the country member The chairman ruled that on the four bills there could be used only five minutes for questions. MacCartney threw down his notes and said that under a state of perturbation and after some conference they allowed the country

I do not feel it incumbent upon me to kindly consented or offered to divide

Burdette then got a taste of his own edicine, for I am forced to confess bearing on socialism and the work of medicine, for i am forced to confess the two socialist members. This week that the country member was a little

On Tuesday the country member spoke On yesterday (Tuesday) Carey had his hearing on the bill lowering interest

The only other incident of worthy of mention occurred last Friday. Some of the so-called leaders of railroad bills and on two electric light- the house had spent over an hour in Inasmuch as Representative discussing pro and con as to whether of Fitchburg had drafted one a certain bill should be sent to the committee on mercantile affairs or to the committee on manufactures. Finally thjured railroad employes, his services Carey arose and said, in not too gentle were secured for the hearings on these a manner: "If this were a question rebills and he gave a strong argument, lating to labor or the laboring classes Carey took charge of the electric you would long since have moved the previous question. Here you have been and Major Henry Winn presenting the consuming over as hour on an unimportant matter. You may be statesmen but I do not believe it."

> They took a vote on pending immediately

The wear of the rocks of comservation is telling on the member from Haver of Melrose, and the other two by the in view of the poverty and suffering, the increasing dependence of the milis lions of the laboring class, the comedy They cannot be expected to always under such coeditions. The caphands of these legislators of the domriation, not to mention justice. Nothing but a political revolution will save our armor then, comrades, prepare When the attorney for the companies for the mighty conflict. The time is

Nor hoped before! Nor dared before!

The power that lies in you Stand all as one

See justice done! Believe, and Dare and Do! Yours for socialism.

### TRANSVAAL WAR

SYNOPSIS OF A MANIFESTO IS SUED BY THE SOCIAL DEMO-CRATIC FEDERATION OF

ENGLAND CONDEMN-ING THE WAR.

The Social Democratic Federation of England has issued a manifeste in-

It is shown that while thousands of

Englishmen are being killed wounded. or taken prisoners in South Africa, the English plutoeracy with entire complacency promotes the war, gets lucrative concessions, derives a handsome profit from the army contracts and congratulates itself on the prosperity which the war creates in certain branches of trade. While parliament is about to impose new taxes, the workmen's old age pension bill is frustrated "because it will make the budget too heavy"; the absolutely necessary increase and improvement of the system of feeding school children is stated to be impossible; the building of new schools is deferred, owing to the scarcity of money, and the most necessary and pressing reforms are de-ferred or entirely given up. This war, conducted in the interests of an unpatriotic plutocracy, and costing at least seventy million pounds sterling. is considered as of greater importan than the welfare of the whole English people. The Boers are constrained to the struggle sorely against their wift. They are ready to make any condependence; yet in spite of this, it is contended that they were conspiring against English supremacy in South Africa.

Africa.

In the jingo press the most monstrous lies are dished up regarding the Boers. Not only telegrams, but even private letters arriving from South Africa, are systematically falsified. New troops must be sent to South Africa. But the English workers must bethink themselves that not the Butch Boers in South Africa, but the English aristocrats and plutocrats are their enemies. South Africa, but the English aristocrats and plutocrats are their enemies. They must not enthuse over a war that brings them nothing and must strenuously oppose all measures that indicate the first step towards a conscription system. The English workers must fight in England—in England avenge their dead fellow-chizens—in England carry on the war for equal rights—for which, nominally, the war in South Africa is undertaken. Only so can they shake off the yoke of the plutocracy and hold in check the progress of a rapacious imperialism. The true patriotism has nothing to do with oppression.

### GEORGETOWN.

SOCIAL DEMOCRATS WAGING AN ACTIVE CAMPAIGN FOR TOWN ELECTION.

The town election in Georgetown oc-curs on Monday, March 5, this year. For the second time the social demo-crats have a ticket in the field and the prospects are considered good for electing some of their candidates. It has been the custom for several years past for the republican and democratic town committees to hold a conference and select the three candidates for seand select the three candidates for se-lectmen, two of the candidates being republicans and the other a democrat. Of course, under the conditions the re-

or course, under the conditions the re-sult was a foregone conclusion, there being no opposing party until last year. This year conditions are different. The two old parties went to work in a different manner. The town commitperhaps they had learned a lesson from the result in Haverhill, but a ticket was nominated at a non-partisan cau-

Two of the present selectmen were re-nominated at the caucus, but the third one was defeated and has taken out papers as an independent candidate. There are also two other independent candidates in the field and one social democratic candidate, making seven candidates in all.

Walter R. Pickering is the candidate of the social democrats, John J. Molioy, who was nominated, having declined to run. The other candidates of the social democre e party are as follows: Road commis, loner, Samuel Clark; overseer

commis, loner, Samuel Clark; overseer of the poor, George E. Dawkins; constables. David Buckley and Fred McCauley: tree warden, D. W. Spofford.

Two railies have been held and it is expected that the S. D. P. will make a showing at the polls, which will cause a big surprise to many. There are

### NEW BRANCHES.

The Social Democratic Herald reports the organization of four new branches of the social democratic party for the week ending Feb. 17. The new branches are formed in as many states and include Aiger, Ala., once the home of the editor of this paper. The branch officers are: Chairman, Fred W. Lennon. vice chairman, James M. Melton: secretary, Daniel Foster; treasurer, T. E. Mason; organizer, Nick Geirs. Lennos and Foster are two bright, energetic young miners who will do their full duty for the cause. They are the kind who are needed in They are the kind who are needed in the work for the social revolution. The other branches were organized in Marion, Ind.; Nephi, Utah, and Milwaukee. Wis.

# TO AMESBURY VOTERS

Address of Social Democrats of Amesbury Upon the Questions at Issue in the Town Election

A Clean Cut Declaration of Principles That Should Win the Support of Every Workingman and Honest Citizen.

to decide the various questions pertain- of the amount expended for labor the to choose the men who are to serve you in an official capacity for the com- is to benefit the working class whenever calling your attention to the principles of our party, to the position which we assume in town affairs, and to our candidates who are pledged, if elected, to maintain that position and to act in coordance with those principles.

One year ago we decided to take an active part in town politics and our first move was directed towards securing a proper representation of the voters at the town meetings. In this to our efforts that the last annual town meeting was held in the evening. privilege of a voice and a vote in the affairs of the town, a privilege which, we think, was appreciated.

All of the articles which we had .n the warrant last year were acted upon favorably and it may be wen at this ime to note the result

Under the provisions of the first ar get bertain facts in regard to electric lighting. They made their report as directed and, while it is not detailed, as we desired, it has had the effect which we intended it should, that of og public interest in this import-

ant branch of the town's necessities. The article in regard to giving citizens the preference on town work has was not intended for the indiscrim that their discharge would not be necessary. It is a hard step to take to deprive any man of the chance of earn. expended. ing his living, but when it is a question of depriving a citizen or a noncitizen of such chance we still hold

On the article in relation to contract labor we still maintain our position in system upon all public works and regret that the vote of the town was not more thoroughly complied with. Where the plan of direct labor was tried in concreting sidewalks it proved the correctness of our claims. The cost was the same as last year, forty cents per square yard, but was about twenty-five per cent less than in previous years. The object of the article was accomplished: That to insure a good day's pay to the men doing the work and to secure for the town a job that will Shipment of prove satisfactory.

In regard to heating and plumbing the almshouse the committee, for some reason or other which they fail to mention in their report, saw fit to ignore the vote of the town. They let the job out by contract, and they found that the contractor could not get the necessary materials unless the town stood good for the bill, which was done.

They then hired Mr. Spofford to watch the contractor and see that the work was done properly. It required constant vigilance on his part to keep the work up to the standard, and it is his opinion that had the job been done by direct labor without the intervention of the contractor it would have been done in a better manner, in a shorter time and at no greater expense. Another one of our articles was for the purpose of reducing the labor time

of the sown laborers to mine hours per day. A law to that effect was passed by the legislature in 1894 and although the old political parties had everything their own way in town since that time the law was not enforced until we demanded it. Strange, isn't it? Especially so when you consider how very friendly both old parties are to the workingman-

The article for the purpose of purchasing a town team will find its best defense in the report of the superintendent of streets which was published in the local paper. This idea has been a & Emerson practical operation for several years and serves as another example to show the superiority of direct labor in doing the town's work.

One most important article was the one increasing the town laborer's pay A big coal strike is on in Germany, one increasing the town laborer's pay and many shops and factori a have from fifteen to twenty cents per hour. This act was looked upon by some as fuel. one of woeful extravagance with the

As the time is at hand . sen you are public distances, but a careful inspection ing to the government of the town and past year shows that the above increase has cost less than \$1100. As our object ing year, we take this opportunity of we get the opportunity, we feel quite content to have this charge laid at our

Our last article called for public meetings of the selectmen in the evening, but the town soliction's opinion being that it was optional with the seectmen, they decided to hold them in the afternoon as usual.

While we feel that the record of our candidate who is in office, Mr. Spofford, needs no defense, there are several of his official acts which are deserving of special mention. When he learned that the work of rebuilding the roadbed of the Citizen street railway was being done in a very cheap manner be, on his own responsibility, ordered it stopped until a satisfactory agreement between the company and the town could be ar rived at.

The company, after repeated at tempts at evasion and bluffing, rejuctantly consented to do what the selectmen required of them, and it is due to Mr. Spofford's firmness and ability in dealing with the company that the road is in its present good condition. Another idea of his was the introduc-

tion of business methods in the highway department. The affairs of this department have always been kept in a hap-hazard manners the selectmen having no knowledge whether the bills not been enforced satisfactorily. It paid were just or not; but under the discharge of non-citizens and we hoped only know to whom and for what the money is paid, but also the street upon which the labor or material has been

In regard to the license law, Mr. Spofford has, regardless of his personal opinion on the subject, done what he that it should be decided in favor of could to have the vote of 'he town enforced.

In matters of minor importance and the usual routine business he has actfavor of the abolition of the contract ed in an able and impartial manner, and it is generally conceded that he is one of the most efficient selectmen the town has ever had. We know that in

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THE RATIONAL CONVENTION.

On Tuesday next, March 6, the social democratic party meets in national convention at Indianapolis, Ind. Judging by reports from all sides the convention will be a large one, delegates having been elected from branches all ever the country.

There is no exaggeration in the prediction that the work of this convention will have a very strong effect upon the movement everywhere and that the future course of the socialist movement in America will be decided upon for some time to come. That the resultant effect will be good and the course adopted a wise one, we have no doubt

The principal question before the convention will certainly be socialist unity, that is to say union of the social democratic party with the socialist labor party. All signs point to a union of forces. Since the Rochester convention of the socialist labor party. when that faction forever cut itself loose from the old moorings and practically declared for the tactics and methods which have been followed by the social democratic party since its existence, it has been recognized by both parties and by all those interested, that the work of unification had resolved itself into one of details. That there will be a difference of opinion over these details is to be expected but they will be approached, we believe, in a spirit of fairness and cordiality that will make their consideration pleasant and their settlement comparatively easy. opinions we may hold differing from each other, it should not be forgotten that we are socialists first of all and that the welfare of future humanity is in our keeping. We are not enemies but only friends separated by a difference, of opinion that has brought experience most wholesome to all of us. All that is needed is an understanding and when that is reached the country will see a united, closely organized party of socialists who will astonish the world with their aggressiveness, determination and progress.

In the nearly two years that have elapsed since the social democratic party was organized, events have moved quickly. With the passage of time events will crowd themselves still thicker and closer and it is our duty as socialists to be prepared to meet those events as their importance and significance deserves. When the Indianapolis convention adjourns may the delegates speed home with a message that will thrill the workers of the country with renewed hope and fresh

Close up ranks for socialism in our

### AMESBURY.

The citizens of Amesbury can afford to read and study the declaration of principles and purposes issued by the democrats and published in this insue. No other party will go before the voters with such a well defined and fearless expression of its views on matters of local interest and affecting directly the condition of the people of Amesbury. Restricted as we are within certain limits, the social crats cannot do what they wish in the towns or municipalities where they exert an influence, but they try so far as those limits will permit to introduce such changes in local government as benefit the people. This is more than the other parties have done or will do, because their fundamental working class of Amesbury and other towns and cities in Massachusetts should heed what the social democrats say to them, study their principles and vote for a change in the administration of their local officers. It is in the towns and cities where the work for a complete change of system must begin, and no better time can be found

The social democrats of Milwaukee have nominated candidates for the al election as follows: Mayor, Frederic Heath; Comptroller, Max C. Gaslight company says, We have dis-King; treasurer, Howard Tuttle. "The regarded both the recommendation and Mr. Rush, a democrat, last Sunday Minwaukee section of the socialist in- order of the commission." We quote this evening in Boston informs us that the bor party voted to poin with the social to illustrate what regard for law and debate was considerably one-sided. Mr. democrats and will support the ticket. A rigorous campaign will be carried light the most to deride the workers Chicago platform when Carey got on and a good showing will be made. shout their "lawlessness." Mr. Doy e through with him.

### THE LEGISTATURE.

The character of the present Massachusetts legislature is well illustrated in the votes cast upon the bills introduced by the two social democratic members. Representatives Carry and MacCartney. The unanimity with which the democratic and republican members of the bo against the labor and progressive measures laid before them for their consideration should teach those ardest supporters of the two capitalist parties desiring to better labor's condition that that object cannot be accorblished by longer voting for such people as compose the great and general court. To more should this lesson be brought home more forcibly than to the members of trades unions, and especially the leaders thereof who, session after session, appear at the state house to plead for the enactment of laws desired by the labor organizations. The failure to secure the enactment of these laws, and even if enacted, the enforcement of them, does not seem to daunt or discourtse these trade union officials. They still seem to pin their faith to the old parties and continue to hustle for their candidates each recurring election. Granted they are honest and mean well, set they show a lamentable lack of foresight and judgment. But the blame does not lie alone with the trade union officials, but with he working class in general, who, however intelligent they may be, allow themselves to be persuaded into supporting the old ticket, no matter how much they feel it is not to their best interest to do so. There is nothing more pathetic and discouraging than the confidence displayed in the capitalist politicians by the working class whom these politicians have betrayed time and time again.

At this writing the house has voted upon only a few of the bills introduced by the social democratic members. The first of these of general interest was Carey's bill for the repeal of the Dubuque law, the infamous measure that practically restores imprisonment for debt. This is a bill measure that practically restores imprisonment for debt. This is a bill meant only to affect the working class. Whenever the middle class merchant or capitalist is unable to pay his debts he can have resort to a bankruptcy law that will help him pay his creditors and put him on his feet again. But the workers, the fellows who belong to the lower orders, the working class, will have to pay up or go to jail. The vote upon this bill was 51 for repeal and 106 against.

At the beginning of the session Representative Carey introduced a bill providing that lobbyists be compelled to wear badges. The bill caused a sensation and was endorsed as a sensible one, the law calling for the registration of lobbyists having proved ineffective. Immediately that it became evident the bill would be passed, no good reason being apparent that anyone should vote against it, the majority members of the house fixed up a scheme to circumvent its passage. Accordingly the committee on rules reported a rule that no one should be admitted to the rooms reserved for members without a card from the speaker. The adoption of this rule, the majority members thought, would not require the passage of the bill providing for badges, whereas the rule would undoubtedly prove as ineffective as the law already on the statute books. In order that the rule might be made as effective as possible. Representative MacCartney amended it to exclude lobbyists and corporation agents altogether. The rule as amended was finally adopted. Of course, the judiciary committee reported adversely on Carey's bill, and as the house received the report. the lobbyists who do the dirty work for the capitalists are saved he humiliation of wearing badges denoting their occupation. The democrate and republicans evince more regard for the feelings of the lobbyists than they do for their own constituents.

The iniquity of imprisonment for contempt of court without trial by jury has been dwelt upon at length by the leaders of both old parties. the democrats especially, for some years. The famous Chicago platform contained a plank condemning government by injunction and every democratic leader from Bryan down has raised his voice against it. And yet what do we find when these "friends of labor" have a chance to vote against government by injunction? This is what we find: Carey's bill provided that "Any person who is sentenced to pay a fine or to be imprisoned for contempt of court, in a case arising from a strike, lock-out or other contest between employers and employes, shall be entitled to appeal from such sentence and to claim a trial by fury." After a hot debate, in which the soulai democrats fought valiantly against odds for the measure, the vote resulted in 95 against and 34 for. A roll call was asked for and denied, showing that there were not 30 members of the house courageous enough to go on record on the bill. Where were the 80 members. pledged to the platform of the "regenerated democracy?" Of all political charlatans the democratic hewler for the Chicago platform is the worst

Then again, MacCartney's bill giving five per cent of the electors of a city the right of demanding from the city council the submission of any subject to a referendum vote was killed by a vote of 103 to 25. That is to say, -those "democrats" and "republicans" deny the exercise of pure democracy, the right of the people to initiate and act upon the laws.

We have not touched upon the manner of debate indulged in by seemed to have been left for social democrats, men who really stood for the interests of the working class, to enter the legislature in order that the capitalist members should be shown in their true colors and that the working class should hearn what these "friends" really thought of them. It is not pleasant for Representatives Carey and MacCartney to hear their constituents called "deadbeats," "bums," "anarchists," "disturbers of the peace," and other like choice names, nor is it at all complimentary to the working class that they should have voted for men whose opinions of them were of that kind. But unpleasant as it may be the fact remains that the working class who choose to vote manfully and honestly for men of their own class, men who stand for the interests of their class, men who represent definite principles which mean freedom for the working class, are thereupon made the butt of epithets, base and vile. So long as you vote the old party tickets, you are the "honest toiler," etc.

And how much longer is the working class going to stand it?

methods of legislation." This being sina." so we have no desire to continue a controversy that would embarass our contemporary. Let us say, however, that it is not surprising the News now finds it has no time to discuss principles with us. The class of papers of which it is one seldom discuss principles They talk about the "rights of the peopie," "grasping monopolies" and "Ha-naism," but they seem to have no definite understanding of these things Their stock in trade consists in phrases and their particular forte is deluding the voters. When they claim to be what they are not, and are corrected for it, they discover they have no time to exchange words on the subject. The News will find time by and by. In the meanwhile it should read up on the difference between the democratic party and the social democratic party.

hill Gualight company of their inten tion to resist the order of the state gas commission to supply the people of Haverhill with 80 per cent gas was not wholly unexpected. The case before the courts will be closely watched. We have but little faith that the commission will be supported, in their decision. The gas companies of the state will support the local company. The old story of declaring a law enacted to nity will be afforded the people to see whether the courts in this section of Representative F. O. MacCartney the country are any more friendly to Worcester, A. W. Barr; Epring the people than elsewhere. That they are such is not our opinion, and the Mayor John C. Class: Mer-court's decision will have to be made rimack valley branches, Representa-otherwise before we will change that tive James F. Carey and William

President Devie of the Haverhill A member of the audience at the de

The Lowell News says: "We have is not an anarchist or bombthrower not the time, even if we had the incil- He is not even a socialist. He is just nation, to exchange words with the a corporation president and that in the Haverhill Social Democrat on the best eye of many covereth a multitude of

> Representative Carey, one of the socialists, enunciates a doctrine that will give a college education to every child, makes no one work erybody at a certain age. What a millenium, and what foolishness. Newburyport News.

We reprint this to show our readers what sort of argument the capitalist press can bring against Representative Carey's doctrine. The Gazette yells "dreams" and the News echoes with "foolishness." It will be noticed neither attempts to refute the doctrine by reasoning or argument, perhaps because both are incapable of doing

We are informed that the wages of the pavers employed by the city have been reduced from \$2.56 to \$2 a day by the street committee. This has made. The coalition members of the for working from sunrise to sunset city government seem bent on having Dissatisfaction with wages like these an economical administration at all plearly indicates the inability of the basards. When they will work thus secretly in the dark, what cannot be themselves. expected of such "reformers?"

From latest information the Massa convention of the social de party will be made up as follows Boston, Margaret Halle; Rockland field, S. M. Jones; Haverhall Mailly.

### A GREAT SCEERE.

This happened last week in a south-ern city or some 25,000 inhabitants, and no one, we think, will be disposed to deny the pathetic part of the incident. "Major Elis was at his post of duty at the rock pie as asual Saturday mors-ing, notwithstanding the steady and heavy downpour of rain. He did not expect any one to apply for work on that day, but he went because it was his duty to do so. He was surprised, therefore, when very soon after he had arrived, a woman, thinly clad, and deenched to the skin, came up to his tent, asked for a hammer and meas-ure. She was in earnest, and wanted work as a means of earning enough money to buy bread for herself and lit-tle ones. This was pathetic, as well as surprising, to Major Elis, but when money to buy bread for herself and lit-tic ones. This was pathetic, as well as surprising, to Major Elis, but when others made application in like manner, he became thoroughly convinced that the mayor's pet scheme, to give work to the unemployed, is not a joke but a great charity, and is proving a God-send to the poor of the city."—Boston Times.

A Godsend to the poor! The privilege of working on a rock pile in a heavy rain a Godsend! Some people have peculiar ideas on what constitutes blessings and "Godsends." Perhaps it is because they never knew what it was to work on a rock pile that they consider the poor fortunate at having such a chance to earn a living. It should be noted that the first comer was woman, illustrating how women are intruding into fields of labor formerly reserved for men. We suppose this woman felt exalted at the equality of opportunity accorded her in being allowed to break rock on the street on a rainy day. No wonder Mrs. Catt and others can boast of the advancement of women. We are indeed progressing.

The Times says "no one will be disposed to deny the pathetic part of the incident." Well, a great deal depends upon what is the pathetic part. That women should be compelled to perform work so totally unfitted for them and under such conditions is pathetic, but there are other things to be considered also. One is the shame of being compelled to accept charity to get a niving and another the ghastly mockery of the mayor's "pet scheme." This mayor no doubt, poses as a "reformer" and a friend of the poor, and this scheme to give women work on a rock pile is, we suppose, the kind of reform called "practical." It would be impracticable for this city of 25,000 inhabitants to give the unemployed work, not breaking rock, than which a more dispiriting task was never invented, but in making improvements in the city, and adding to its wealth in a substantial manner. The women could be given employment at something more congenial than swinging a hammer on a rock pile. All this might interfere with the rights of profit mongers who desire an army of unemployed constantly on hand to keep down the wages of those at work, and who, believe chopping wood and breaking rock conduces to a patient and humble spirit and impresses the unfortunate poor with the immutability of their lot an

When women are forced to break rock for charity for a living, what be comes of all our boasted respect for womanhood?

Where is our boasted American chivalry that complacently contemplates the dreary figure of a woman thinly clad and drenched to the skin bending over a rock pile, trying to earn bread for herself and her little

What do you think of a city that would countenance such a "scheme of charity?"

What do you think of the mayor who was brainy enough to evolve such a scheme? But most of all what do you, think

of a civilization and a system that tolerates and produces such things? Are you trying to bring a nobler civ ilization and a better system?

A report in the Gazette says the cir culation of the public library in West Newbury has increased 25 per cent. and only a few new books have been added. Considering that the social democratic vote has also increased handsomely in that town, how does this coincidence tally with the charge that socialism only flourishes only where ignorance and illiteracy prevail?

Mr. Henry H. Faxon of Quincy appeared before the legislative committee on taxation on Tuesday in opposition to the single taxer's bill for local option in taxation. He said the bill was an annex to socialism. Mr. Faxon needs a few lessons in ecopomics as badly as he needs a new

Five hundred laborers on the military road from Ponce to Adjuntas in been in effect nearly three weeks and Puerto Rico are on strike for wages of no public announcement -has been 5 cents an hour. They receive 38 cents working class of Puerto Rico to govern

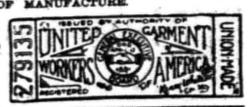
> "leaders" are trafficking to have one ocratic ticket with Bryan. As the popsition of being a party without a mem ership the democrats will give the mination to one of their own people

ppropriated by the Boston city coun cil to send some of the aldermen and nen to the Paris exposition. If they are anything like the old party crowd we have in Maverhill, the money urred in exhibiting the curiosities

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A. W. Puttee, the socialist labor candidate in Winnipeg, has oeen elected to the Canadian parliament. Mr. Puttee, who is the first labor man who will take a seat in that body, is only ill years of age. He is a member of international Typographical union and editor of the Winnipeg Voice, a labor paper, and had the solid moral and financial support of the labor organizations of his district. "Us editors are

### SCORED ODLIN

LYNN SOCIAL DEMOCRATS GIVE THAT REPRESENTATIVE SOME ADVICE.

Th socia diemocrats of Lynn at the regular branch meeting held Monday, Feb. 19, adepted the following res-

"Whereas, In a debate which oc-curred at the state house on Thursday Peb. 15th, between Representatives Carey of Haverhill and Odlia of Lynn, in regard to the bill on trial by jury, Mr. Odlin referred to Mr. Carey as an anarchist and as a man who repre-sented, not the honest laboring classes, but the dangerous and anarchistic ele-ment. Mr. Odlin said he "Does not represent socialists, but anarchists."

Whereas, We realize that the sam class, viz., the laboring class which supported and elected Mr. Carey, made it possible for Mr. Odlin to take his sea. the house of representatives, but

in the house of representatives, but they have been greatly disappointed in his attitude toward Mr. Carey and certain measures, including the bill for trial by jury, which Mr. Caey has rintroduced as a protection to the rights of the working class.

Resolved, That the social demograts of Lyra, in meeting assembled, and as representatives, of the thinking element of the laboring class, endorse Mr. Carey and the measures which that gntieman has introduced. That we suggest to Mr. Odlin that from an educational standpoint or from a standpoint of insuring the welfare of his sug-est to Mr. Odlin that from an educational standpoint or from a standpoint of insuring the welfare of his constituents it would be well for him ti either consult an up-to-date dictionary and learn what anarchy means, or consult some physician as to the consistency of the gray matter in his brain. That the social democrats recognize in the capitalistic class, whom Mr. Odlin represents in his forgetfulness of the class who elected him and who look to him for legislation in their interests, the real anarchists in their defiance of law and their corruption of our political and legal life, as well as permeating and dominating our social and industrial system.

Resolved. That a copy of these was

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to Representatives Carey and Odlin and be published in the Lynn News and the Item.

The Lynn branch gave a social and whist party on Tuesday, Feb. 20, which was such a great success that there will be another given.

Th Lynn social democrats are working to have a branch started in Swampscott. Representative James F. Carey spoke there last Monday.

### CLINTON

Mayor John C. Chase of Haverhill addressed a meeting of the socialists on Wednesday night upon "Socialism in its application to municipal govern-

The socialist labor party and the social democrats are making a strong effort to obtain a foothold in city affairs and it is expected that they will poll a large vote at the coming election. They have adopted a platform, which was distributed at the meeting. which was distributed at the meeting. It advocates the acquisition by the town of the street railway, gas and electric lighting plants and all utilities which require a franchise; demands the abolition of the contract system, with eight hours for a day's labor on town work with a minimum isher on town work with a minimum wage of \$2: the abolition of grade crossings in town, and the establishment of free public baths and reading rooms; that the free use of the town hall be given to the public for public specifies, and that all overfeed wires. put in conduits at the expense of

### WHITMAN.

The social democrats of Whitman gave a sociable in Village hall on Thursday of last week, and there was a large crowd present. Mayor Coulter of Brockton and Dr. Gibbs of Worcoster were the speakers. Selections were rendred by the Pioneer quartet, and readings by Miss Lowell. C. E. Lowell presided over the meeting. This evening (Saturday) another sociable will be given in the same hall and Representative James F. Carey will be

# Early Spring

Hats. Shirts. Neckwear, Hosiery, Gloves, Braces, AT

Carter's

(Continued from Page One.)

ome quarters he has been severely criticised for his supposed action in certain cases and if his critics would only come out publicly, man fashion, with their objections and give us a chance to answer them we would have more respect for them, and we think they would have more respect for Mr. Spofford.

And now a few words as to our future policy: We wish it distinctly understood that we are a workingman's party and our first, last and only consideration is the welfare of the working ciass. We realize that under present laws with the limited authority granted to a town we can do very little to better our condition. Our real motive is to secure control of the law making power, but in the meantime, if by chance any law favorable to the working class should slip through the capitalistic machine on Beacon Hill, we propose to see that it is enforced.

In town affairs we are very decidedly in favor of a progressive policy; we don't believe in plodding along in the same old ruts which our forefathers made; we don't believe in holding a pent opening we have had, as they are so close to our eyes that we can't see a dollar beyond it.

In the more important matters pertaining to the n ds of the town, such as lighting, water supply, etc., we believe the town can and should serve itself instead of being served by a private company. In the minds of thinking men this is no longer a debateable question, it has been settled quite conclusively by the large and increasing number of cases in which public ownership has been successfully tried. In miner matters we see no reason why the same principle should not be applied. For instance, in the poor department we believe that the town could and should effect a great saving by procuring the supplies at wholesale and dealing them out direct to the consumers. If space permitted several similar cases might be cited.

We have inserted in the warrant this year three articles. One for the building of an electric light plant, another for the building of macadam roads, and another relating to the town's water supply. These articles we will be prepared to defend at the proper time and we request you to give them your attention.

The foregoing is a brief outline our position, and as we believe the fairest way to test any measure is to intrust its enforcement to its friends we take pleasure in presenting to you our list of candidates.

SELECTMEN FOR ONE YEAR. Jason Spofford, John Miller, Jeremiah Reardon.

ASSESSOR FOR THREE YEARS. John J. Joyce.

BOARD OF HEALTH, THREE YRS. Dr. J., Q. Adams. TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC LIBRARY.

THREE YEARS. Charles S. Wingate, Charles

One objection which will be advanced against these candidates is that they are not business men. We cannot agree with the opinion held by some that busoness experience is absolutely necessary in a town official. Technically speaking, our candidates, with two exceptions, are not business men but we think that their belief in the policy above stated reveals a knowledge of business principles which, so far as the weifare of the town is concerned. business men have not as yet exhibited, and this in connection with honesty of purpose and ordinary executive ability is all the qualification peces-

You have had so-called "business administrations" for years past and each of them has been lacking in one of two ways; either they did not understand business methods or, understanding them, they did not have the welfare of the town sufficiently at heart to apply the town sufficiently at heart to apply them to town affairs.

we commend our candidates to you as able, upright men, who if elected, will do what is in their power to carry out the policy herein outlined. If you believe in that we request your vote. If not, we neither want it nor expect it. In concluding let us call your attention to our general principles and to exhort you to do what is your plain at a citizen, to become conversant

The social democratic party of Amer ica is the American expression of the international movement of modern wage workers for better food, better wage workers for better food, better houses, more sleep, more leisure, more education, and more culture. Those who toll with hands and brain are the producers of all wealth, but as laws are now made in the interest of property rather than men, the rights of the workers, although they are in the great majority, are ignored.

### WE ARE NOT FREE

Our liberty is a sham. Under present conditions and under whatever form of our liberty is a sham. Under present conditions and under whatever form of government the wage earner is always dependent upon the man with means for opportunity to work for a livelihood. The wage earner is, therefore, not free. And while it is true that the founders of the republic have secured political freedom, we call attention to the fact that since the wirth of the nation a revolution in industry has taken place. Formerly hand labor and individual effort produced the necessities of mankind. Today machine labor and social or associated labor are the means of producing those necessities. And whilst in that former time it was the imperative duty of the government to protect the individual in the possession of the property he had produced, so, today, it is equally the duty for the government for the people to protect associated labor, that is to say, the whole body of working people, ... the possession of the products of their toil.

### THE CLASS STRUGGLE.

Hatter and

Furnisher,

The present system of social production and individual ownership has produced two classes—the propertyless class and the capitalist class. —he middle class, once the backbone of this great nation, in fast disappearing in the mill of competition, and the issue is now between the first two classes. Our political liberty fiself has now little value, unless we use it to acquire our economic liberty also. And to make the use of it is the aim of the social democratic party.

## TO AMESBURY VOIERS BROCKTON LETTER

WHAT THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATS OF THE SISTER CITY ARE DOING FOR THE CAUSE.

The comrades have good reasons to feel elated, considering the way in which the socialists elected to the city government are showing the politicians of both the old parties that they are there to represent the people. When they have spoken on any questoin they have spoken right to the point and do not leave any doubts in the minds of the members just where they stand ...

on all the city printing was bfore the council, Brodeur, the social democrat member from ward six, defended it in grand shape, but the lawyers and business men could not, or would not see where the label could help organized labor; so they voted it down.

men last night an order was intro-duced to give the Y. M. C. A. a special rate on water for the swimming tank up; but at last, Alderman pear alderman from ward three was equal to the occasion. He pictured out to them that if he went to the postoffice to get a 2-cent stamp it cost him 2 sents. If the Y. M. C. A. wanted one just like it, it would cost them 2 cents also. The shoe manufacturers have a special rate of 15 cents per 1900 gallons, he told them that he did not consider that just the thing, when some poor woman who was doing washing for a living was obliged to pay 30 cents per 1000 gailons.

"Equal rights to all. leges to none, was our motto," he told them, and when het had finished the was doing some hard thinking. They didnt know just how to ge around his argument, so they voted to ay the order on the table

The democratic and republican members of the city council are very anxmuch difference between them and the social democrats; but we have got hem guessing and will jar them at ntervals, just to show them that they are not up to date.

Mayor Coulter has surprised the whole city with the tact and ability he whole city with the tact and ability he has shown in handling affairs. His committees and heads of departments are all working with him and everything points to the most successful administration we have had in years.

Lest year the highway department. Last year the highway department bought his paving stones in May: this year Mayor Coulter has already placed the order for the same and saved the city \$1500-the amount of his salary

Our social democratic city marshal the "real thing"—Carleton Beals. He is wearing a very serious face that sends terror to the hearts of the "fliegal liquor dealers." The mayor and marshal are determined to enforce the vote of the people on this question. Every raid so far has been successful.

Branch No. 9 held its regular business meeting Saturday. Chairman Charles B. Halpis was on the sick list, and Vice Ccairman Jewel Z. Drake presided. The committee on the fair if it would be the largest and best ever held in Brockton. Over 3000 tickets have been sent out and a large sale was reported. The branch has been do. Make a note of that holding dances weekly and the commitee reported that they have been successful and would hold them weekly the rest of the season. Four appli-cations for membership were accepted. Credentials for the national convention were distributed and probably will be sent to Comrade MacCartney of Rockland, who will be the delegate from the section The branch voted to The branch voted to hold a business meeting weekly

was a rally and entertainment in Village hall, Whitman, Febru-ary 22 Dr. Gibbs of Worcester and ary 22 Dr. Gibbs of Worcester and Mayor Coulter of Brockton addressed Mayor Coulter of Brockton Lowell the meeting. Miss Blanche Lowell read in her usual winning manner, the Pioneer quartet of Brockton rendered two lively numbers in brillient style, and the Social Democratic band of Brocktin gave a fine concert.

The Whitman branch has placed a ull ticket in the field for the spring election and if all reports are true, will arry the town for socialism.

Avon has nominated a full ticket for the town elections, and as the com-rades have been working hard among the voters, we expect to "do things" to he old parties.

Braintree is booming things and held a rally on Tuesday night, the 27th. Com-rades Carey and Margaret Haile ad-dressed the meeting.

Professor Frank Parsons was the ecturer at Socialist hall last Sunday evening under the auspic s of the so cial democratic party. There was not a large audience, the disagreeable weather preventing a large attendance but the address was listened to atten-tively. Vice President N. L. Drake tively. presided.

### BOSTON NOTES.

The Boston city committe, S. D. P. has passed these resolutions: Whereas—The anti-DeLeon of the socialist labor party at their last convention at Rochester, exercised good judgment and acted in the spirit of unity, and

Whereas-Resolutions were adopted Whereas Resolutions were adopted by that body declaring the social dem-ocratic party "practically identical in platform, tactics and methods," there-fore be it Resolved—That we, the Boston city

committee of the social democratic party rejoice at such spirit and sentiparty resource at such spirit and senti-ment and that we look forward with the hope that the deliberations of the con-vention of the social democratic party, at Indianapolis, may result in arriving at a basis of union in order the better to support, defend and advance our

Next Sunday, March 4, at 1 p. there will be a mass meeting of all the members of the branches of Boston and vicinity interestd in sending delegates to consider the matter of instructing the delegate or delegates as the case may be.
Margaret Halle received \$6 votes for

delegate: Squire E. Putney of Somer-ville, 87 votes: John Weaver Sherman, 58, and Albert Brown of Everett, 27, Lynn, Cheises, Cambridge, Everett, Malden and Hyde Park are the out-of-town branches which will be town branches which will be repre-ted to the Boston branches.

John Weaven Bherman,
Sec. Boston City Committee.
Boston, Feb. M.

### EDITORIAL

The distress in India is said to be appailing. The number of starving wretches in receipt of famine relief now exceeds 4,000,000, and is increasing every day. Great Britain is too busy trying to lick the Boers to give this dependency, from which she has drawn thousands of millions in tribute and profit, any thought or heed. The capitalist class of England have exploited and mis-governed India to an almost inconceivable extent. The wealth produced is more than sufficient to sustain the country, yet those who produced it die of starvation in the ditches, robbed by human vultures while alive, food for bussards when

American Woolen company owns 27 mills, all of which except one 45 Merrimack St are in New England By thrift, industry and attentiveness, every employe in each of these mills can some day own one of them or be a stockholder in the company. What's that? If they all become owners or stockholders who will do the work? We dunno Ask your congressman.

Some one has proposed that a present of 1000 bills of fare be given to the New York public library, probably to remind future generations of the many things that were luxuries to millions of human beings in the nineteenth century.

The Fall River mill owners objected to the advance in wages wrung from them by the mill workers unions, but in spite of this the quarterly dividends loom up as large, if not larger, than ever. No wonder these poor quidend Next to EMERSON THE CLOTHIER drawers object to the tyranny of the

The anti-department store law of Missouri has been detared unconstitutional, because it was class legislation. The decision is a logical one, but the small retail dealers will not keep as large a stock of confidence in the courts on hand in the future as in the past.

The Haverhill Gaslight company obobjects to what it pleases to call a "con-What suitable name can be found to properly designate the enormous profits taken from the people during the past fourteen years, as shown by the company's own books?

The Public Ownership party in Eric. Pa., polled 485 votes in the election on Feb. 20, an increase of 228 votes since November. The agitators are much encouraged and propose to continue

There is an agitation on foot to restrict the expense of congressional funerals within reasonable bounds. The funerals of some of those now in congress would be cheap at any price.

reported that everything now looked as council was heard to say the other pened next year. But the working class

> When a sest in the United States senate is worth over \$300,000 to a capitalate is worth over \$300,000 to a capitalist, what is it worth to the working class? The fact that there are classes is

sufficient proof that the interests of the capitalist and laborer are not iden-If there had been no social demo-

craus in the city government, what might the street laborers expect next? The business members of the city

government are carrying their business, methods beyond the danger line.

The best way to ensure a good qualty of gas at a just price is to have the city own the gas plant.

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Capitalism won a great battle South Africa on Tuesday.

Private confiacation will not yield without a struggle.

abor first.

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THE VOICE OF THE PROPLE.

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et the land usurpers listen, let greedy-hearted ponder, the meaning of the murmur, rising On the meaning of the murmur, rising here and swelling yonder—
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Through the valleys, down abyases, growing, gaining with new forces

Day by day the river widens, that great river of opinion,
And its torrent beats and plunges at
the base of greed's dominion.
Though you dam it by oppression and
fling golden bridges o'er it.
Yet the day and hour advances when
in fright you flee before it.

Yes, I hear the poeple callin- through the nighttime and the daytime. Wretched tollers in life's autumn, weary young ones in lofe's May-

They are crying, they are calling for their share of work and pleasure. You are beaping high your coffers while you give them scanty meas-You have stolen God's wide Lores, just

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The laboring class need clearly to understand that this outcry against the trust does not imply a betterment of labor conditions. It does not mean the independence of the laborer, The tools of production today are social, and can only be operative labor. This and can only be operative labor. This fact precludes the possibility of individual ownership of the tools by the laborers. To destroy the trust, then, does not mean the laborers can become owners of the tools necessary to their labor; it only means that these instruments of production can be owned by smaller combinations of capital. The laboring class would still be absolutely dependent upon the owners of the instruments of production. The only difference is, that if the programm trust smashing were carried out the fleecers would be larger than under the trust programme. But, pray tell, what benefit is that to the laborers? Is anyone so foolish as to contend that labor is better off by increasing the number of exploiters? Laborers, be not deceived. The worst set of exploiters on the face of the earth is the small capitalists, and the smaller the field of operation the laboration the increase. field of operation the larger the profit they must extract from labor. have been through this stage of indushave been through this stage of indus-try and have learned from experience that the laborer has nothing to hope from the small capitalist more than the large. We demand the abolition of the whole exploiting system and the turning of all parasites, whether large or small, into useful production. The plea of the middle class or small, into useful production. The plea of the middle class for its retention is futile; the force behind economic evolution has otherwise decreed.

—From "The Mission of the Working Class," by Rev. Charles H. Vail.

Millerand, the socialist minister of commerce of France, continues to put on the screws. He has just issued a stringent circular to the inspectors of factories instructing them to not only visit the workshops regularly, but that they are to co-operate with trade union and labor bureau officials to enforce certain regulations. ion and labor bureau officials to en-force certain regulations to prevent a-cidents. The workshops and factories of France will no longer be slaughter-pens, as they are in most countries, where laborers are herded to -rind out profits for their stubborn and inhuman capitalists.

South America is occasionally heard from. In Beunos Ayres the workers have formed a socialist school of propagands. The socialist paper of that city, La Vanguardia, says that "the working man who, instead of subscribing for a labor paper, subscribes for an organ inimical to the working class himself commits moral suicide. class, himself commits moral suicide, a crime against his brethren, and treason to his own interests and those of his class.

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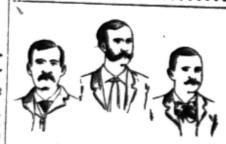
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LOCAL PARTY NOTES.

The social democrats of Haverhill have decided to hold a fair some time in April for the benefit of the Haverhill Social Democrat. The proceeds will go toward establishing a plant in Haverhill, where the paper will be printed and the other party printing dome. The local branch has appointed a committee to act in conjunction with a committee from the Womin's Social Democratic club. The m's Social Democratic club. ys' club will also appoint a com-tree to assist and every effort will made to have the fair turn out a

The next meeting of the Women's Social Democratic club will be held at the residence of Mayor Chase, \$ Bescon street, next Tuesday evening.

THE SUPPER AND DANCE.

Socialists are merry spite of wind and weather.

A genuine New England east storm, such as only the pen of a Hawthorne could describe, marked the date fixed upon by the Women's Social Democratic club for their second entertainment. The rain fell in floods and the whirling wind seemed to be waltzing with it all over the roofs and the river. Nevertheless the unconquerable socialist women of Haverhill might have been dimly seen through the blinding sheets of rain, all armed with umbrelias, bean-pots and cake-boxes, and bravely forcing their way towards the Mt. Washington Universalist church, which was to be the scene of the festivity. Once inside the hall, all was mirth and metriment, and those who were plucky enough to brave the storm had a royal good time. An elaborate and inviting repast was served, and as there were fewer guests than had been provided for all had a doubly liberal allowance of the delicacies of the feast. Some of the young-sters announced that they had eaten three suppers, but as none of the Hayerhill children seemed to be missing A genuine New England east storm three suppers, but as none of the Hav-erhill children seemed to be missing next day we conclude that rather risky experiment turned out better than

might been feared.

Some of the generous contributors of provisions and money were the 200 Market, E. Rosengard & Co., W. H. Market, E. Rosengard & Co., W. H. Wood, Mr. Chaput, Walter H. Sturgis, Lafayette square bakery, R. H. Morse, Groveland, R. H. Page, Leslie's dry goods store, W. E. Jones, Bradford, Puble Market, G. W. Pettengill, New York Store, Fred. Lear, B. F. Miller, Lang & Avery, Dean's grocery, Haskell & Roberts and many others.

After the supper the hall was cleared for dancing and everybody walted, quadrilled and enjoyed themselves. Prizes were given to best whist players and cake walk dancers. The provisons left from the supper were sold at auction, Mayor Chase serving as a very successful auctioneer.

ery successful auctioneer. Although the sum cleared by this entertainment was smaller than had been hoped, owing to the inclement success and all agreed that they had

CHILD LABOR IN SOUTHERN MILLS.

These little fellows of 6 and 8 and 10 the party primaries, where there is no educational or other test, they are to be our rulers. They are to say in the years to come who shall be our govs, who shall make our laws, shall administer the statutes, who shall pay the taxes and who shall spend them. Can the fruit be better than the that bears it? Can we hope for light from those who are bred in dark-ness? These little children—these in-fants almost—who are set to labor n the cotton mills nearly as soon as they can toddle are growing up profoundly ignorant. Working from dawn to dusk all the week they cannot go to school, nor can they be taught at home. The boots in the early hours of the day and then take their books and slates to the public school will be better edu-

NEW YORK CITY.

Mayor Chase, and Mayor Coulter of Brockton spent last Sunday and Monday in New York city and environs. Sunday afternoon they addressed the Central Federated union, the hail being packed to hear them. Sunday evening they spoke at a large meeting in Newark, N. J., the occasion being the opening of the municipal campaign in that city. Monday evening they attended the reception given them by the social democratic party in New York at the Manhattan Lyceum on East Fourth street. The reception was followed by a ball and was attend-The reception ed by over 1600 persons. Job Harriman, the socialist labor party candidate for president, also spoke at the meeting. Isaac Cowen, business agent of the Amalgamated Society of Engineers and a member of the socialist labor party, was another speaker. The mayors visit was a complete success.
Long interviews and photographs were
published in the leading New York
papers, and thus a large audience was

### PROGRESS.

Whate'er the dismal doubters say, ... We're breaking from the ancient swe Of hate and superstitious gray
And creeds that fetter.

From year to year and day to day
The world grows better.

Humanity their steps have bent Up the long, arduous ascent, The highway of enlightenment, With faces downward, Still up that path, with high intent, The race moves onward.

Up through the long, dark night of Time From out the shadowed past we climb, ove the ignorance and crime The gyves that bound us-nto an eminence sublime. The sunlight around us.

### **WAGES REDUCED**

COMMON COUNCIL PASSES NIC WAGES OF THE STREET

LABORANG.

on Tuesday evening was a brief one but it was long enough to allow a majority of the councilmen to perpeundertaken by a body of legislators, even though they be hindered with the task of providing an econmical administration for the purpose of thwarting the designs of a gang of unscrupulous socialists.

Nothing could illustrate more clear ly the instinct of getting as much man's creed and which instinct is direct result of the competitive by reducing the wages of the city street laborers. The business men who are the majority of the common council are only living up to their announcement before election that they would administer the affairs of the dity government as they would their own business. The laboring men of Haverhill can now judge for themselves what was meant by that declar ation. Every member of the commo council was present when President Watson called the meeting to order. Nothing of importance came up until the report of the street committee on Councilman Nichols' order, introduced some five or six weeks ago, which called for a reduction in the pay of the street laborers of the city. The committee reported favorably.Councilman Russ moved the report be accepted and this was done. Clerk Bourke then read the order, which provided that drivers of city carts receive \$2 a day, street laborers able to perform a full days work \$1.80 a day, the superintendent of streets to be judge of what laborers not able to perform a ull day's work should receive, subject to the approval of the street committee

Councilman Nichols' moved the pass age of the order.

Councilman Irving was recognized and said he hoped the bill would not go through. He thought it was funny that an effort should be made to reduce the street laborers' pay at this time. He noticed the superintendent streets could determine what the old men-should receive. Why could not the old men be given the lighter work and they could earn their \$2. It wasn't right to ask any men to work for less than that and he believed the board was doing wrong in passing the

Councilman Murphy protested against the passage of the order. It was unat the socialists who had beaten them at the polls. When the people had voted to reduce the hours per day to weather; yet socially the affair was eight they had no intention that the a success and all agred that they had wages be reduced. The order should not pass.

councilman Hillsgrove protested against the passage of the order. It was peculiar that this order should be introduced and an attempt made to are one day to be our voters. Through pass it. The order called for \$2 for drivers. Why should drivers receive more than the laborers? The superintendent would have the power to pay some of the men would be pleased and he could make it 25 cents a day if he wanted to We all know how the street committee stand and they would support the superintendent. He would ask again why should drivers receive more than the laborers?

> Councilman Chase here interposed and said he would give him the information. The drivers worked an hour longer attending to their teams.

boots in the early hours of the day and then take their books and slates to the public school will be better educated, as they already are freer and happier and more robust, than these little white slaves of the machine.—Columbia (8. C.) State.

SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC MAYORS IN NEW YORK CITY.

longer attending to their teams.

Councilman Hillsgrove proceeded.

If it took an hour longer for the drivers, it was harder work for the laborers. He did not object to the discrimination. It was a mystery to him why the gentlemen on the other side should attempt to pass this. The people had voted by an enormous majority for a reduction of hours but they had never intended that hours, but they had never intended that wages should be reduced. He would ask the supporters of the measure for reducing the wages was any incentive for workingmen to try and secure a reduction in hours. Under that plan if hours were reduced to 2 1-2 a day, all that was necessary to produce the people's needs, the producers would receive enough to buy a tooth pick and a straw hat. He would call their attention to the fact that when wages were reduced, the purchasing power of the laborer was reduced in proportion and the merchant who was boasting about prosperity would get a touch of about prosperity would get a touch of real prosperity. If they wanted to re-duce wages why did they start at the poorest paid department of the city first? How would they like to have their income reduced? How would they like to go out on the street with a pick and shovel and work for \$1.80 a day? Did they know what this meant to the men whose wages they were reducing? Go into their homes, look at them and look at your own. They had rents to pay, and families to support, and how could they do that with their wages reduced? Did they know what these people would do at the next election? He would predict that they would bury their enemies with their votes.

At this point President Watson called

Councilman Hillsgrove to opder and asked him to confine his remarks to

confining himself to the subject and when he didn't he wanted to know it, but when he was he wished to be al-lowed to speak. He continued saying that he hoped the order would not pass He was there to defend his class, the class that -reduced all the wealth and who got the least share of the wealth. who got the least share of the wealth.

Show him where any of these men who
were trying to reduce wares had lowered rents to any of their tenants. He
hoped the order would be defeated.

Councilman Carigg said he hoped
the order would be killed and buried so laborers do much harder work than any of us do, and their work was serviceable to society. Really they should get more than we do. We shouldn't ask others to accept what we would object to ourselves. They talked of reducing the taxes, but he wanted to say as between a choice of reducing wares or increasing the taxes.

wages or increasing the taxes, he favored increasing the taxes.

The order then passed by a vote of 8 to 6, Councilmen Hillsgrove, Bellefeuille, Carigg, Irving, Murphy and Mickel voting against it. A few minutes afterwards the board

ijourned. It was remarked afterwards by the spectators who lingered in the hall after the meeting was over, and we call attention to the fact here, that not one tention to the fact here, that not one of those who voted for the order offered a word in its defence, or gave any reason why it should be passed. Knowing they had a majority, they apparently considered explanations unnecessary. It was unfortunately in their power to do a manifest wrong and they did it unblushingly and in as cold-hearted a manner as they would figure on the price of leather or soap.

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business principles.

How do the working people like it?



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No. Hortense; the brave firemen are not evicted when they are suddenly driven into the street.

Mrs. Orimsonbeak-Has the ashman been here to remove the ashes today? Mr. Crimsonbeak-Yes; he was here at high noon.

Patience-She has a foot like her mother and her grandmother. Patrice-1 suppose it is what is known as a lineal foot.

She-Your friend was very enthusiastic over the concert last night. Did you see anything grand about it? He-Yes; the piano.

Mrs. Crimsonbeak-De you believe that death ends all, John? Mr. Crimsonbeak-Well, no; there's the fight over the will, you know.

Gotham-Do they have any tion piers in England? Charing Cross-Well, yes; they have sporting lords in parliament.

"What is an egg?" asked the school-

"An egg." replied the smart boy, "is omething used for settling coffee and

She-Do you believe in the power of He-Why, certainly. Do you remem-

Foote Light-I see they're going to put a new piece on the stage called

"The Open Door." Sue Brette-It ought to go with a bang!-Yonkers Statesman.

A Positive Little Boy. A correspondent of The Pall Mall Gazette recalls the following lines which are apropos of positivism, new being discussed in English papers:

A little boy went out one night; The little boy went out. The moon and stars were very bright As he can round about. And round and round and rou Said he. "I'm running re

Eis head began to giddy get, To giddy get began, And giddier still and giddler yet As round about he res.

And then he says unto him Onto himself says he, "Is this myself that's you And to it really me?

So Chance For Him. "Your success," said the practical

politician to the man who wanted to run for office. "will depend a great deal on the ward in which you acquire a residence. With which nationality are you the stronger, the Irish of the Ger-"Why." replied the candidate for of

See. "I think I stand best with the "No chance for you, then," replied

the practical politician. "They seldon vote."-Chicage Post.

Almost as Good. "Do you believe you will succe having your man acquitted?" asked one lawyer. "I haven't given much thought to

that phase of the question," answered the other. "But I am absolutely confident that we can have the trial post poned often enough to prevent a conviction."—Washington Star.

A Word of Consolution Griggs-Why, what's the matt

Briggs-Proitly called me an ass, and he called me that right to my face. Griggs (soothingly)-That's nothi I've heard him call you worse things behind your back.-Boston Transcrip

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If owned by the many-instead of the "If owned by the people, the whole wide earth

Should leasn my purpose and know o my worth. I would close the chasm that yawns "Dwixt unearned riches and ill-paid No man should hunger, and no man

To fill the purse of an idle neighbor. And each man should know when his work is done, Were I shared by the many—not owned

"I am forced by the few with their greed for gain To forge for the many new fetters of Yet this is my purpose, and ever will

the slaves of the workshops God hasten the day when, overjoyed That desperate host of the unemployed

Shall hear my message and understand And hall me friend in an opulent land -Ella Wheeler Wilcox.

INTERNATIONAL NOTES.

Times in Berlin directs attention to the growth of socialism in Austria. "The party now neludes almost the whole of the town laboring classes," he says. Their meetings are well conducted, and when they turn out by tens of thousands on May day they are as orderly and well behaved as a regiment of soldiers. This is not to the taste of the Christian socialists or anti-Seminary of the christian socialists or anti-Seminary or anti-S ites, who sneeringly call them the Imperialists or royal social democrats on account of their good behavior. If they would only induige in an occasionthey would only induige in an occasional street riot, smash a minister's window or pillage a few Jew shops, they would give great satisfaction to their opponents, who would then have an excuse for demanding strong measures against the party. That precisely what they will not do. Their leaders are sensible men, not at all disposed to allow their followers to play into the hands of Dr. Lueger and Prince Alois Litchenstein. They have an ably conducted party organ, the Arbeiter Zeitung, which is an eyesore to the Christian socialists. It would be ungenerous and unjust to deny that social democracy in Austria has displayed certain qualities which are those of a strong and intelligently led political party."

A great feeling of unrest is said to be prevailing in Italy. The causes are many. The government scandals at Milah, the growing hostility between north and south, and the heavy taration necessary for the maintenance of the army and navy on a large scale are all forces that tend to drive the ship of state toward the rocks. It is also predicted by a European writer that more than double the number of socialist and republican members will secure gents in the next parliament, which will add further trouble to the monarchial swermment.

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