

“The Democratic Party Has Been
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Two distinct and opposing tendencies are revealed in the late election. First, the overwhelming triumph of the capitalistic interests, represented by the Republican Party and the other the advent of the working class in national politics, shown by the enormous increase of the “socialistic” vote.

The Democratic Party as the representative of the middle class interests has been practically eliminated. No sort of reorganization can save it from disintegration. It was a middle class party and that class is being wiped out of existence.

The trust is doing its work despite all hue and cry. The next few years will see the climax of trustification and political realignment will follow. Capitalist politicians can no longer obscure issues. The trusts have removed doubts. Senator Hanna prophesied truly when he said shortly before his death: “The next great political struggle will be between the Republicans and the Socialists.”

Republicans are chagrined at their huge victory. It brings responsibilities they cannot meet. Their power is absolute.

The trusts are beyond restriction.

The outcome is known.

The trusts will own America — economically, politically.

Then will come transition, swiftly. Socialism may sweep the country four years from now. Womanhood seeks escape from capitalistic thrall-dom. Women are active in the propaganda. They are in revolt.

The nation will soon see clearly. The people would take the trusts and have them run by and for the people. Industrial cooperation must be the basis of the coming republic.