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THE COMING YEAR

A Symposium of Articles by Well
Known Social Democrats on What
1900 Holds for the Social Demo-
cratic Party -- Individual Views
Tersely Expressed.

In response to a request from the
Haverhill Social Democrat for an ex-
pression of their views as to what the
coming year holds in store for the So-
cial Democracy, the following have
been received.

WINFIELD P. PORTER

"Ring out the old, ring in the new."
Scores of times these words have
sounded in the ears of thousands, but
never with deeper significance than
today. As we stand upon the thresh-
old of another year, what is the un-
derlying purpose of our lives? What of
hope and cheer shall the new year
bring to anxious, burdened humanity?
For thousands are suffering the
pangs of poverty today under a
system which gives success to one at
the expense of another. Shall we ad-
vocate a continuance of the old, sen-
sible industrial struggle based upon
the principle of the swine at the mill-
stone, while we prate of righteous-
ness, peace and love, or shall we en-
ter the coming year with a deeper deter-
mination to do our part in sweeping
the existing industrial robbery
competition, or the yet more Godless privi-
lege monopoly of the means of life, from
the face of the earth?

To the student of history, no event
is more prophetic of impending change
and progress than the successful rise
of the Social Democratic movement,
which in two short years has com-
bated two important cities of the old
Bay State, and has strongly intrenched
itself in many others.

Nothing is more certain than that
the new year will be fraught with
events of more than passing moment.
It must be a year of continued agita-
tion, education and organization. Agita-
tion to arrest attention, education to
arouse intelligence, organization for
holding ground already won and for
unfurling the banner of Socialism over
the territory of industrial robbery.
The policy has been adopted and pursued,
needing only development along exist-
ing lines to ultimately place the Social
Democracy in full power throughout
the land. It has proven that in the
future, as in the past, personal abuse
should be eliminated. The rights of in-
dividuals leads only to distrust and
disaster. Men may honestly err in
thought and deed. While unjust sys-
tems merit denunciation, false reason-
ing should be met, not by denuncia-
tion of the reasoner, who may honest-
ly reach erroneous conclusions, but by
sound and manly argument in open
arena the truth will prevail.

With the multiplying of branches
the need of more watchful supervision.
The time is at hand when the entire
time and energy of a progressive State
Secretary must be given to the work
in connection with permanently estab-
lished State headquarters.

The coming year should see substan-
tial steps taken toward a union of all
true Socialist forces in State and na-
tion, for without this national unity
the present national, progressive policy
in ever-expanding force, no power of
earth, or hell itself, can long withhold
the coming of the time when "Peace
on earth, good will to men" shall be-
come an accomplished fact through
the establishment of the Social Co-
operative Commonwealth.

"Ring out the old, ring in the new."
WINFIELD P. PORTER,
Newburyport, Mass.

LEONARD D. ABBOTT

Standing at the close of a great cen-
tury, we Socialists look forward with
eager eyes toward the birth of one
that shall be yet greater—a century
that is surely destined to see the in-
auguration of the co-operative com-
monwealth in this country. One need
not be endowed with prophetic vision
to predict that 1900 will be a far
greater year for American socialism
than any that has yet passed.

Economic conditions are ripe today
than ever before, the tide of fictitious
prosperity already ebbs. With a strong
presidential candidate in the field next
year our opportunities for agitation
and propaganda on a national scale
will be boundless, and these efforts
cannot fall of bearing abundant fruit.

I believe that next year will see
unity of the Socialist forces (with the
exception of the DeLeonite faction). I
earnestly hope that before many
months have passed we of the Social
Democratic party and our comrades
in the Socialist Labor party will join
hands in one militant, class-conscious
organization, stretching from Califor-
nia to New York, and from Maine to
Florida. Such a combination of forces
will bring a host of new recruits to
our ranks; it will give each one of us
renewed hope and inspiration.

The names of Haverhill and Brock-
ton shall live forever in the history of
this country. Your triumph in Haver-
hill, in face of the united forces of

plutocracy, has given immeasurable im-
petus to our movement throughout
America and the world. The Socialist
star is in the ascendant at last. Let
our banner—the red flag of interna-
tional socialism—never be folded until
it is planted on the White House at
Washington.

LEONARD D. ABBOTT
New York.

MAYOR-ELECT CHARLES H.
COULTER

The coming year, what does it hold
for the Social Democracy?
The Social Democratic party during
the coming year has an opportunity
to make history that shall be of deeper
significance to the human race than
any of the pages that have been writ-
ten of the past. For the coming year
is to usher in the first skirmishes of
that great struggle that will terminate
in the triumph of right—the co-opera-
tive commonwealth, the brotherhood
of man, to which all the struggles of
the past have been tending. The coming
year will stretch out the hand of op-
portunity for every comrade to grasp,
and no matter how humble the effort
its praise will be written in letters of
fire in the history of the future, and its
sacrifice given the full meed of praise.

Let no comrade underestimate the
deep significance of the coming year.
For already the rays of the dawn of
industrial peace are flashing here and
there above the dark hills of indus-
trial slavery and the wage earner is
beginning to see the light.

The coming year will see the towns-
and villages of the republic rising to
the call to duty, not as they did in the
days of '76 and '01, with the bare of
trumpets and the sound of drums, but
through organization and their great-
est of all weapons, the ballot box.

The past year and its victories are
pointing the way to greater efforts and
greater achievements, and the coming
year is already making imperative de-
mands on those who have fought the
good fight and those who are just en-
tering the battle for human rights. The
coming year should see every district of
the old Bay State organized thoroughly
for effective campaign work and every
worker made to realize the condition
of his class. It should see the national
movement built up to such propor-
tions as to be able to deliver to Cap-
italism a crushing blow in the coming
national election. The coming year
should see several other good men and
true elected to assist Comrades Carey
and MacCartney in the good fight be-
neath the gilded dome.

Comrades of Massachusetts and of
the nation, the coming year is bright
with promise for you and your class,
but it demands untiring efforts and
self-sacrificing work by night and by
day. Let no one of you feel that he
or she has done enough, for the twen-
tieth century looks to you for the ulti-
mate fulfillment of all the past and
present promises of evolution.

CHAS. H. COULTER

CHAS. R. MARTIN

The coming year is pregnant with
possibilities for the Social Democratic
party. Just now the expectancy of its
members is brilliantly optimistic, with
good foundation, too. But to one who
for more than twenty-five years has
taken a more or less active part in
helping build minority parties in this
country, there come thoughts born of
that experience which persists in cast-
ing some "ifs" across that optimistic
view.

Back in the days of the greenback
party the writer helped to handle the
subscriptions of a paper whose weekly
circulation reached 55,000 copies. The
party had thirteen members in Mass-
achusetts and were optimistic then, too.

That this and succeeding parties
were only "reform" parties will not
account for their disintegration. The
average American voter is an opportu-
nist, which fact has created the great
number and influence of the political
fakir and demagogue, whose activity
has killed all past attempts at inde-
pendent political action.

The F. D. P. has reached the period
of its development where it must ex-
pect practical experience with this
class of "gentlemen," and its constitu-
tion must be developed to meet this
point—sharp and clear. This done, all
energy should be directed to seeing
how many people can be educated to
understand the meaning and signifi-
cance of the class struggle, rather than
how many offices can be filled. We al-
ready see the restless American figur-
ing on plans to "win." This opens the
door for those who would follow the
ideas of Bernstein, and as I see it, in
the light of the past experience, a rep-
etition of past minority party history.

On the other hand, I see during the
coming year a uniting of the anti-boss
element of the S. L. P. with the S. D.
P. in support of a platform, constitu-
tion and ticket which will stand for
an unending campaign of education
for scientific socialism, that will mean
real victory when we do win. This is
what I hope for and expect to see dur-
ing the coming year.
CHAS. R. MARTIN,
Tiffin, Ohio.

REPRESENTATIVE JAS. F. CAREY

The year 1900 differs from preceding
years only in an increasing opportunity
for agitation in behalf of Social
Democracy, and the only message it
bears to Social Democrats is—WORK.
Let us not resolve ourselves into a
mutual admiration society because of
the glory of the victories of 1899, nor
forget that though capitalism is or-
dained to drop like a ripened pear it
is necessary that the working class be
prepared to catch it when it falls.

And while our hearts may ever thrill
responsive to the victories of the past
year, our lives illuminated by the grow-
ing brightness of the gleams of the
camp fires of the Future, let our mem-
ories recall our class through all the
ages of the past, toiling up the
heights of time, bearing the "burden of
the world," their hearts a sepulchre
of blasted hopes, their souls a region
of strangled aspirations, their lives a
record of exploitation, of wrongs, of
inequality, recalling this each day
afresh—"Let Us Forget"

Haverhill
JAMES F. CAREY

WILLIAM BUTSCHER

What are the prospects of Social
Democracy in America for the coming
year?

I should say most bright, and more
glorious than any preceding year in
our history. The Socialists are real-
izing more acutely than in any
unity there is strength, and the
trend of events certainly show that
strenuous efforts will be made towards
bringing about some understanding
between the divergent Socialist parties.
This itself will be an achievement
sufficient to mark the year as one of
significant importance to the cause
of socialism generally.

It is well known that there exists
in both factions an element contrary
to the spirit of unity caused by indi-
vidual and personal feeling, which has
expressed itself in recrimination and
vituperation of each other, but these
elements must be relegated to obscur-
ity and individual and personal feeling
must give way before the mighty tide
of opinion of the rank and file of both
parties.

At the presidential election takes
place this coming year it is to be
hoped that the class conscious Social-
ists will present an unbroken front to
the enemy—the capitalist class, and
with renewed activity and greater
enthusiasm march forward together
through the years of the coming century
until right, justice and truth prevail.

This accomplished, the uniting of di-
vergent elements, this combination of
heretofore opposing factions, an era
will be marked in the history of the
development of the Socialist move-
ment. With such a united body the
Socialists will be able to more easily
manifest and the education of the
American public must advance with
increased rapidity. It can also be
fairly assumed that many Socialists
outside of the regular movement will
be sufficiently inspired to become ac-
tively engaged in our common cause.

Therefore, I hail the coming year
with hopeful anticipation and trust
that these few lines may be of service
towards the attainment of this end.

Brooklyn, N. Y.

DR. M. J. KONIKOW

Two important events await the S.
D. P. in the coming year. The first is
the National Convention in Indian-
apolis, where the foundation will be
laid for an active presidential cam-
paign. The second is the International
Congress at Paris, where our young
party will be represented for the first
time and where it will undoubtedly re-
ceive the "official" recognition of the
socialist world. The method of repre-
sentation at the national convention is
a very happy one and should be en-
dorsed by every comrade.

There is no doubt that the comrades
throughout the union will utilize the
push of the recent successes in Massa-
chusetts have given to the movement,
with the result that the coming year
will see organizations springing up ev-
erywhere, and every state in the union
will participate in swelling the vote
in the presidential campaign, a vote
which will be both a surprise and a
triumph for the old political
parties. The representation of our party
at the International Congress at
Paris will give our young comrades in
the movement the feeling of being sol-
diers of the same great army, whose
phalanges are covering every corner of
the globe, whose common aim is the
emancipation of mankind. This feeling
will give the comrades the faith,
the energy, the perseverance so neces-
sary for a young movement.

But there is a certain danger in too
rapid and too successful a movement,
as in fact our movement is. The dan-
ger is first in over-confidence and
second in lack of organization. As to
the first, our transatlantic comrades
in Germany fear nothing so much in
time of a campaign as the over-con-
fidence of the comrades, and just-
ly so. This over-confidence has
brought them a defeat many a time
where a little more energy would
surely crown their work with
victory. So, comrades, don't be pes-
simistic—the future is surely ours, but
in the same time don't be too opti-
mistic—we will always reap what we
will sow.

As to the second, with the rapid
growth and success of our movement
we may expect a good many profes-
sional politicians of both parties to
creep in on our ranks with some per-
sonal objects in view. Certain meas-
ures will be surely taken to make it
impossible for them to do so. It will
be a worthy task for the coming year
to work out a constitution, that shall
fit our rapidly growing party, a con-
stitution that shall represent the
golden middle between too much
centralization of executive power from
one side and lack of organization and
discipline on the other.

DR. M. J. KONIKOW.

Boston, Mass.

"N." NEW YORK.

What does the coming year hold in
store for Social Democracy? When
such a question is asked, it is hard to
reason with our minds instead of with
our hearts. Were we to express our
hopes for the coming year, it would be
a far easier task.
We can read the future only by ex-

amining the past. 1900 can be but the
logical sequence of 1899, and a view of
the one can alone give us a surmise
of the other. What our progress has
been during the past year, needs no
repeating, what it will be in this
coming year, it is almost impossible
to imagine. No one knows what
events may transpire and experience
shows that the unexpected often hap-
pens.

By the difficulties of the past we
can judge of the trials that await us
in the future. The capitalist politi-
cians have at last awakened to the
fact that Social Democracy is not a
"crisis," which will be contemptu-
ously overlooked, but a fore-taste of
what they may hereafter expect. What-
ever power of bribery, misrepresentation
and corruption the orthodox politi-
cian may call to his aid, we must be
ready to confront. Capital, with all its
adjuncts, will stand in our way, ready
to resist us with the energy born of
despair. It will indeed be a struggle
for life.

Were this the only prospect before
us, well might we sink back discour-
aged before the magnitude of the
struggle, but fortunately there is one
inspiring fact which alone kindles
every atom of resolution in our
hearts, and make us feel victorious,
even before victory, the growth of class
feeling in America, of which our past
successes are but the reflection.

Once awakened, this is a force that
can only grow, and whose final devel-
opment means the salvation of the
human race. If the year 1900 sees
the advance of this sentiment, then may
we be thankful to have seen the
first gleams of the twentieth century
sun.
New York
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MARGARET HAILE

To my optimistic eyes the prospects
of the social democratic party in this
state for the coming year are that it
will keep right on, as it has begun, de-
veloping and strengthening naturally
along its present lines of growth, and
turning neither to the right nor to the
left for anybody nor any thing; that
it will continue to get along without
booses and to keep our professional
politicians and wire-pullers that it will
not swerve one inch from the policy,
methods and animating party spirit
which it was organized to establish,
and which its immediate and remark-
able successes have proved to be those
best adapted to reach the people of
this country. In accordance with the
necessity which called it into being, I
believe it will become first and fore-
most a socialistic organization, em-
bodying in its own internal manage-
ment as full as possible the principles
of Democratic Socialistic government
and the spirit of Equality and Frater-
nity. The organization of the party
can be carried out in their perfection
only in the International Co-operative
Commonwealth, and that, as a conse-
quence it will not be thrown off its
balance when it becomes an official
political party. I believe that it will
now proceed to solidly perfect and com-
plete the edifice of its state organiza-
tion, of which only the framework has
been raised as yet, and that before
this time next year we will have
trebled the number of branches within
the state, established relations of co-
operation with all surrounding states and
laid the foundation for an organization
of the whole of New England as
thorough as that of Massachusetts. I
believe that the character of our young
party for uprightness, tolerance, har-
mony, vigor, and straight and uncom-
promising socialism will become more
recognized, clearly defined, and widely
recognized, and that, above all things,
it will not lose its head, and will con-
tinue to be intelligently and consist-
ently cognizant of where it is at.

I don't care very much how many
votes our candidate for president may
get,—not half as much as I should
like, but the inherent strength of the or-
ganization itself. Without that strength,
a large increase of votes will be mislead-
ing, and a source of danger.

MARGARET HAILE.

Boston, Mass.

MAYOR JOHN C. CHASE

Standing today on the threshold of
the new century we can partially real-
ize what the years of struggle for
economic freedom have accomplished,
and what we may hope for in the
years to come.

Many weary years of agitation have
come and gone since the truth of so-
cialism was first proclaimed to the
American toiler; years of struggle,
which, to some have seemed hopeless.
But today, at the close of the 19th cen-
tury, every true Socialist should be
filled with joy and gladness at the re-
sults of these years of labor, and look
to the new year with renewed hope,
and undaunted courage.

I believe the year 1900 will be the
most eventful one in the history of the
Socialist movement in America. It
will mark the beginning of the end of
the Social Revolution. Through the
victories it has won the Social Demo-
cratic party stands as the true repre-
sentative of the Socialist movement in
America, and its entrance into the
field of national politics in 1900 with
Eugene V. Debs as its candidate for
president, the first alignment of the
forces of Socialism and capitalism will
take place.

Organized on national and scientific
lines the Social Democratic party will
win the support of all true Socialists,
and force the defenders and apologists
of capitalism to fight for and be
which will be fought in 1908 when a
Social Democratic president shall oc-
cupy the White House at Washington.
Our watchword should be: "On to
Washington."

"With this as our battle cry we will
sweep on to victory and the co-opera-
tive commonwealth."
JOHN C. CHASE.

Haverhill.

ELIZABETH H. THOMAS.

With the shouts of victory still in
our ears, and the joy of victory still
in our hearts, it is difficult to estimate
calmly what the new year may bring
forth. But we must remember that
the co-operative commonwealth can
not be reached by sudden strides, but
rather that it is for us to build it up
"block by block, with slow and steady
endeavor." Let us first shape the
foundations well. The last year of
this unhappy century finds all men in

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THE COMING YEAR.

Social Democrats can alone say what the coming year will hold for social democracy. In their hands, now and through the year, lies the destiny of the movement in America. If they be wise, if their actions be guided by a desire to advance the principles for which they stand, they can enter upon the new century with the social democratic party a recognized factor in the politics of the nation.

No person can divine what events will make the history of the year before us. We can only feel that the times ahead will be stormy times for the world; and as social democrats we must be prepared to meet them bravely and coolly. The task in hand is no light one. Let none, however sanguine or optimistic they may be, be too much so as to blind them to its magnitude and responsibilities. In its accomplishment, ambitious may be shattered, hopes destroyed, hearts blighted, lives sacrificed. Through it all, devotion to the cause should be the pole star of our energies. All else should be matters of secondary consideration.

The future policy of the Social Democratic party can be touched upon in a few words. As it has been in the past, so should it be in the future. There is no good reason why it should be changed. Instead, there is every good reason, and no bad ones, why it should not. Adherence to the propaganda of uncompromising working class political action, co-operation with the trade union movement, freedom of legitimate expression of opinion on the platform and in the press, tolerance of other organizations with whom we may differ but whose actions entitle them to be considered honest. These have constituted and should remain the dominating features of our policy. The question of union with one of the factions of the Socialist Labor party is one now being discussed by all socialists everywhere. That unity of the socialist forces in this country is desired by every socialist worthy of the name is undisputed. Whether the social democratic party can afford to lose any of its history or identity by making overtures for a union with the faction of socialists in question is debatable.

A comprehensive glance over the field leaves a serious doubt as to whether or not amalgamation, fusion or combination with this faction would be unity, and unity is certainly what is most needed and most sought for. Social democrats can afford to give the matter greater attention after the convention of the socialist labor party to be held in Chicago on January 22.

Two great dangers will be met sooner or later. Each will come because our growth will entice them. The politician who becomes attached to every growing movement for self's sake will make his appearance. The optimist who allows himself to be carried away by prospects of rapid success and a short cut to Arcadia will probably plead for a less rigid attitude towards "reform" organizations and "new democracies." In both cases the thought must be kept uppermost that we are socialists, that principle actuates our movement and that true progress can only come with education and enlightenment along the right lines. We may not establish the millennium in a day but every advance will never be the forerunner of a retreat.

The social democrats of America welcome the coming year. Within its womb there should be fresh hope and impulse for the cause devoted to the emancipation of the workers of the world.

THE "DESERVING POOR."

Nearly 40,000 people were fed on Christmas Day in New York city alone by the hand of charity.

Boston boasts of only about 15,000 all told.

Chicago's list also runs away up in the thousands.

Every city large and small that dots the map of America has its hundreds and thousands of paupers who would

have gone hungry on Christmas Day had not a meal been provided them.

The great majority of these come under the designation of "deserving poor."

Of all the cant, ignoble phrases coined out of capitalistic conditions, none harbors so much of inconsistency and injustice as this one.

Deserving poor! Why, "deserving poor"? Think over that question for a moment, if you have time or inclination to think.

To be deserving means that you are deprived of something which you ought to have by right. That is to say, if you have no clothes, no food, no shelter then, being deserving, you should have them and if you haven't them there is something wrong somewhere.

When the hungry people who were fed in New York, Boston, yes, here in Haverhill, on Christmas Day are called "deserving poor" isn't that an acknowledgment that these people are not to blame for being poor?

And when the "philanthropists" feel conscience-stricken enough to feed the "deserving poor" on one day in the year isn't that a confession that having robbed the victims of their benevolence all the year round, they could do no less than give them one square meal and square their own conscience at the same time?

Why not "deserving rich" if we have a "deserving poor"?

Why should men, women and children, of the same flesh and blood as ourselves be compelled to suffer the humiliation of being partakers of the crumbs others choose to throw them?

We are told there "has always been poor and always will be." Then why should the poor be fed? Isn't it a waste of sympathy to lavish good things on people who are doomed to poverty forever? Would it not be better to allow them to wear out their miserable lives as best they may and not prolong their torture beyond the limit supposedly marked out for them?

Isn't it the refinement of cruelty to give these people one good feed and then let them go hungry all the year?

Don't you see what an empty philosophy is contained in this so-called charity after all?

Ask yourself the question: Do you think it an honor or credit to this nation, to any citizen of the nation that millions should have to be fed on the one day of the year when all should be happy and contented and free from hunger and hardship?

London or any city of the old world, where monarchies and despotism prevailed, never could get as many hungry people together in one place to be fed as was collected in Madison Square Garden in New York city on Christmas day. This is a republic too!

Is this the very best we can do to build up a strong, healthy citizenship in the "land of the free and home of the brave"?

And there are actually those who boast and brag about this sort of thing. They prate of "charity" and "at themselves upon the back for having done one imaginary good deed. Let them flatter and delude themselves as they wish, but we tell you there is a grander, nobler, kinder thing than charity and that is—Justice!

This is a jewel beside whose lustre the sickly rays of the glass bauble of charity are as the glimmer of a tallow dip beside the sun. This is the jewel we should seek to place in the crown of Labor. Then there will be no "deserving poor" at Christmas tide or any other time so long as the human race lives and dies.

THE BRAZELL DISASTER.

Women are crying around a pit mouth in Pennsylvania these cold wintry days. Children are clinging to the women's skirts and crying too, at they not what, and it is good they do not know.

There is a silence hanging heavy and dark over the mining camp of Brazell and the chill of sudden sorrow and disaster has scattered the merry mirth that comes to the miner at the festive Christmas season. Down in the mine men are digging with the desperation of despair, exhausted and weary, trying to clear away the mountains of slate and coal and dirt that intervene between the living and the dead. Along the country road wagons and teams are standing filled with folks who have come to weep and watch and wait for that which will never come. Between the shifts of workers those resting for the time being relieve their feelings by cursing loud and deep those who have caused this woe, or try to still the question that arises in each heart, "when will their turn come?"

The fragments of forty men are scattered underneath tons of earth in the Brazell mine. Forty men who went down the shaft carrying a dinner pail half full and the voices of wives and children lingering in their ears. Forty men whose occupation is one of the most dangerous and poorest remunerated in the industrial calendar, but who dig coal, first, for a living and second, that others might live.

The strange part of this disaster is that the pit boss has acknowledged to having ordered the men to use the naked lights—which caused the explosion when it was known gas was plentiful in the mine. The men were sacrificed to the incompetency of an official. For a wonder the men themselves were not charged with "carelessness." 'Tis a favorite excuse when a miner loses his life to lay it to his "carelessness in risking too much."

The fact is, miners have to risk their lives every minute of time they are in the mine or their wages suffer. Being paid generally by the ton, their total wages depend upon the amount

of coal each dig and get to the surface. Competition is usually keen for cars in the mine and to "fill their turn" to use miners parlance, the digger must take chances and risks, or get left. Thus it is that many lives are lost in the scramble for a living and the pit boss or the superintendent lays the blame to "carelessness."

When the miners of the Brazell mine used naked lamps some of them, at least, knew the danger confronting them but they had mouths to fill and the danger was a small matter compared to that. Death is a fearsome thing but to live and want and feel the want of those you love is a more fearsome thing still. One can die but once, but starvation for the family means worse than death many times over.

Some day the world will not be shocked by such occurrences as took place at Brazell last Saturday. But it will be when the mines will not be owned by private individuals and operated for profit, when the safety of the miner and not the size of the dividend will be considered above all else and when the miner himself will not be compelled, by force of circumstances, to risk his life that he and his may live.

Mayor Jones is right in his contention that there should be no class struggle. The Socialists only weaken their cause when they make their fight an arraignment of class against class. The difference between rich and poor or capitalist and laborer is only an economic difference, and the establishment of economic equality would wipe out his distinction and benefit all people inasmuch as the practical application of the principles of the Brotherhood of Man would raise all to a higher plane.—The Coming Nation.

The difference between rich and poor or capitalist and laborer is as much political as it is economic because the economic difference is maintained through the capitalist retaining political control in the legislatures and the nation. The strength and usefulness of the Socialist movement lies in the organization of the working class into a political party which will take the control of the government out of the hands of the capitalist class. It is because he knows the establishment of economic equality can only come when the ownership of the means of production and distribution is placed in the peoples' hands that Mayor Jones is attempting the herculean task of inaugurating the co-operative commonwealth all by his lonesome. To be consistent he and the Coming Nation should restrict their activities to the economic field, else they are "wasting their sweetness on the desert air." We agree that "there should be no class struggle," but there is and will be so long as the "difference between capitalist and labor is only an economic difference," and this class struggle must become dominant politically before the laborer can hope to be an economic freeman. The sooner Mayor Jones and the Coming Nation learns this the better it will be for all concerned.

The Illinois supreme court has rendered a decision declaring the anti-department store law unconstitutional. The decision is a sensible one. The department store cannot be abolished so long as the forces that make for concentration and economy in production and distribution are at work and this will continue to be while the capitalist system lasts. Competition has produced the department store as it has the mammoth factory, the great railroads, the gigantic steel plants, iron foundries and other industrial beehives. The movement to abolish the department stores in Massachusetts is as senseless as a movement would be to return to the stage coach and canal boat as methods of travel and transportation. It is true the small dealer is hurt and thrown out of business through inability to compete with the firm who runs a large store possessed of plenty of capital, but what is he going to do about it? The large capitalist can buy cheaper for cash, handles the goods direct, in some cases manufacturing them also, and sells to the consumer at a price which the little capitalist in the store on a side street can't hope to touch. Running a business on a large scale, there is a saving of light, taxes, rent and, above all, of labor which gives the department store the advantage in every way. The people are compelled to purchase their necessities where the prices are lowest and they naturally pass the small store with its high figures to go to the large one where they can buy within the limits of their scant income. This is an immutable law which it is useless to combat. The days of the small dealers are numbered. They should stop wasting time having anti-department store laws passed and study Socialism.

The symposium on "The Coming Year" published in this issue of the Social Democrat illustrates excellently the character of the social democratic movement. Each letter is an index to the individuality of the writer and it is an encouraging thing to note that while different opinions are expressed in different ways, yet there is a complete agreement on the main and vital principle, showing plainly that this is truly both a socialist movement and a democratic movement. While this prevails nothing can hinder the party's advance.

Peter Brodeur, 26 years old, worn-out and tired, seeking for the employment that was never found, committed suicide in Worcester last week. This, too, in Massachusetts, where the howl of the supporter of capitalism is heard

the loudest and where, also, yet thanks be given, the movement for the new system under which the Brodeurs will not be sacrificed that others may surfeit, has attained a foothold never to be displaced.

All this talk about helping the Boers seems to be superfluous at this time. There is a sort of a want-to-be-on-the-winning-side tone to the whole thing which leads us to believe that the enthusiasm will evaporate when all the forces of capitalism crush the Boers, as they inevitably will do, however much anyone may wish the contrary. The war in South Africa is in line with the development of capitalism, which had to come after the first entrance of capital into that country.

There was a reported deficiency in the funds of the city government before the municipal election. It was discovered last week there was more money on hand and the city's finances were in better shape than had been the case for a long time. It would be wrong to assume that the cry of the near approach of bankruptcy set up by the opponents of the social democracy was merely for campaign purposes. The coalition crowd are too honorable and too far minded to charge them with such base motives and intents. But somebody lied and the social democrats were not the guilty parties.

It must be very embarrassing to the old political parties in Massachusetts to be defeated by Socialists. Had it been in Kansas nothing remarkable would have been thought of it—Independence, Mo. Letter.

They why don't the Socialists in Kansas do it? They can if they want to.

The workmen who wants to turn over a new leaf can do no better than to begin reading up on Socialism and to turn away from the parties of the capitalist class to the party of his own.

The ceremonies incident to the inauguration of Mayor and the new city government will begin at 10 o'clock next Monday morning, January 1, 1900.

Working overtime means working undertime later on when the surplus of labor's products are piled up on the market because labor produces much more than it has the opportunity to consume. Every hour worked overtime now will mean that much more idleness when the rush of business is over, which shouldn't be very far off. The capitalist sees an opportunity to exploit his workers in the temporary increase in orders and he avails himself of it regardless of law or anything else. When labor works overtime the crisis comes so much faster, though the masters do get richer in one same ratio. The Gazette should learn that labor has another mission besides that of work, work, work, and they are getting ready to perform it.

The shoe shipments from Haverhill last week exceeded by 2700 cases those of the same week a year ago. The week's output was the second largest for the past 10 years. And yet Haverhill has a social democrat for Mayor and socialism has a stronghold here! What becomes of the prophecies before election that "capital would be frightened away from the city" if socialism was not defeated?

The Carnegie steel company advanced the wages of its employees last week and the prosperity whooper is again abroad in the land. Some of those whose wages are advanced will actually get \$1.50 a day hereafter. The munificence of these millionaires is positively startling. 'Tis a wise capitalist who prepares now for the presidential election next year.

The Fall River Globe entirely mistakes the attitude of the Gazette if it believes this paper favors a return to long hours in mills and factories. What it does say is that there are times when a rush of business demands overtime work and that those who make trouble ever such a condition of affairs in the industrial world are not the best friends of labor. When people become too sensitive over imaginary wrongs they are more than likely to run up against some real evils.—Haverhill Gazette.

The Gazette is now agitating for "more industries in Haverhill." It says "we have room enough, facilities enough and money enough" to induce the location of other industries. But what's the good of all these as long as we have socialism here? The Gazette has said socialism would keep capital away from Haverhill so why waste energy in a futile effort to invite investment?

The Gazette seems to be troubled with a bad memory.

Christmas was as green as some of the Haverhill politicians who believed they could suppress Socialism by talking about "free love" and "dividing up."

The Great and General Court will convene on Wednesday, Jan. 2.

A Happy New Year!

Kind of Him.

She—It is only right that I should tell you that father has lost all.
He—Not all?
She—Yes, all.
He—No, not all. You are still left to him. I could not be so cruel as to add to his misfortunes. Tell him—tell him from me that my generosity impels me to leave him what little lies in my power.—Jugend.

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STATE NEWS.

BROCKTON.

Representative-elect F. O. MacCartney spoke before the members of the Young Peoples Club in the parlors of Unity church on Thursday evening, Dec. 21. It was a regular meeting of the club and MacCartney's talk on "What Socialism Stands For" proved of great interest to those present.

It will be an innovation for Mayor Couther to deliver his inaugural address in the evening and in a hall furnishing accommodations for a larger crowd than the council chamber will admit; but then his election was something in the nature of an innovation, and interest in what he will have to say in reference to his policy for the year is more marked than usual in regard to an inaugural address.—Brockton Times.

From the Brockton Times: There was a large attendance at the meeting of Branch 5, social democratic party, Tuesday evening, at which it was decided to commence the regular weekly winter meetings the first Sunday in January. They will be continued the same as last winter and it will be the duty of the committee to arrange for speakers frequently. Progressive reports were presented by the committee on entertainment and the city committee.

The branch voted to offer the use of its hall for the delivery of the inaugural address Monday evening if no other hall is found for the purpose.

The annual election of officers was scheduled for this meeting, but it was decided to lay the matter over until the first meeting in January. Four applications for membership were received and acted upon favorably.

The branch also voted on the referendum amendment with regard to the representation of branches at the national convention of the party to be held at Indianapolis in 1900.

There were remarks during the evening by Mayor-elect Couther and others.

SOMERSWORTH, N. H.

Last Sunday the social democratic branch held a public meeting in their headquarters, corner Fore and High streets. The Rev. Mr. Keene delivered a lecture on "Socialism" to a fair audience considering the season. The lecture was attentively listened to and at the conclusion an informal meeting was held at which individual views were exchanged. The lectures will be given every Sunday morning hereafter and visitors are invited.

NEW YORK CITY.

The last lecture of the year to be given under the direction of the West Side Branch, social democratic party, New York city will be at the headquarters, 172 W. 99th street on Sunday day evening next, Dec. 31 at 8 p. m. Comrade Elizabeth H. Thomas will deliver an address on "The Ethics of Socialism." Visitors will be given a cordial welcome.

LAWRENCE.

The Social Democrats of Lawrence gave an entertainment at Carpenters Hall, 291 Essex street on Friday evening of last week. A large number of friends and sympathizers attended and the occasion was a most successful one. Representative James F. Conroy of Haverhill delivered an address after which singing and readings were given. Refreshments were served at the close and the branch is better off in many ways by the affair.

NO POCKETS IN A SHROUD.

From The Denver Post. Who ye who bow at Mammon's shrine, Whose hearts with greed are growing cold, Who turn your backs on things divine And worship but the god of gold, What will it profit you when death Lays low the head so kingly proud And robs the wasted form of breath? There are no pockets in a shroud.

Your thoughts by day, your dreams by night, Are but of grasping golden gain, Your guide is but the beacon light Of riches burning in your brain, You cast all nobler aims behind And struggle as a maddening crowd To clutch the dollars, but you'll find There are no pockets in a shroud.

Ye users who grind the poor Beneath a cold, relentless heel, Whose overshadow many a door With cloud of misery and feel No sympathy to see them lie Beneath the hand of sorrow cowed, Remember when you come to die There are no pockets in a shroud.

What is the profit to the man Whose life to Mammon has been given? A bridge of gold can never span The Gulf between the earth and heaven! What will it be to him to find The wealth with which he is endowed At death gate must be left behind? There are no pockets in a shroud.

This life is but a span, today We're here, tomorrow we are gone, Have faded from the earth away Into eternity's strange dawn! Yet in the hungry greed for gains Too many at the gold shrine bowed, Forget that when the life-spark wanes There are no pockets in a shroud.

A MAN MUST LIVE, YOU KNOW.

A man must live, We justify Law, shift and trick to treason high, A little vote for a little gold, To a whole senate bought and sold, By that self-evident reply.

But is it so? Pray tell me why Life at such cost we have to buy? In what religion were you told A man must live?

There are times when a man must die, Imagine for a battle-cry, From soldiers, with a sword to lead, Who may be crucified, From soldiers, with the flag unrolled, This coward's whine, this liar's lie— A man must live! —Charlotte Perkins Stetson.

THE COMING YEAR.

(Continued from Page One.)

a state of vague unrest. The people feel the need of some change, but change? They cannot tell. It will be the duty of American Socialists in the coming year, as well as in many following years, to give this vague desire an exact aim, and shape the crude ideas to a definite thought. Knowledge must ever precede action, and purpose must precede will.

Let us teach that no half-way measures can bring peace. Let us persuade others and ourselves that no compromise can be lasting. Let us remember that we cannot win by compromise—part of the truth, and that our victories in the past have been gained by boldly proclaiming the full extent of our aspirations and demands. Luck obeys the downright striker, and the more clearly we may avow our aim, the sooner and the surer we shall attain it. If we hold fast these principles, the final year of the dying century will see the great cause sweeping mightily forward, and the new century will not have reached its visible point before the light will break at last and the long-winded morning of the world will dawn.

ELIZABETH H. THOMAS.
New York.

JOHN WEAVER SHERMAN.

First of all and most important of all—there is going to be unity among Socialists with a great increase of membership and influence. There are signs that the members of the party and many who are going to be members are not greatly worried as to the method to be followed. All that they ask is that the true interests of socialism be kept in mind. This will be done by all social democrats and it is certain that it will mean a great deal to us both now and later.

Trade unionists who study economic questions see by this time that socialism is not a religion, and that it is not only a wise and proper change, but must come if revolution be not invited. In the year to come they are going to break away more and more from the two old parties and lead the immense hosts behind them into the light. Our duty is to constantly point out to these men the absolute need of the social democratic party to round out the work which they are trying to do in their unions.

Another great thing is that the women of this state but of all other states will begin to see before the end of the year that socialism promises their only possible refuge. A national convention of momentous possibilities will be held by the party in March. I am satisfied that such action will be taken as will make it clear to many who do not now see that there is no essential difference between the ruling influence of the old parties and that whichever of them wins, the people are sure to lose. Combinations against Socialists will become common as the year advances and will steadily grow more ineffectual. Those haters of economic justice who in Haverhill, Brockton, or elsewhere, will try to back the clock will be more disappointed than England has been in revenging Majuba hill.

JOHN WEAVER SHERMAN
Boston, Mass.

M. WINCHEVSKY.

Would you know what the year that is to close the century has in store for us who battle against greed, fraud and bloodshed?

Well I am not a prophet nor the son of a prophet, but it seems to me that the Sun of Equality which has risen in the east will soon spread its light over the whole length and breadth of this continent, gladdening all hearts, brightening all eyes, enlightening all minds and opening a vista of joy in work and of bliss in leisure.

As to the rest do not ask me. Ask Love whether he will prove strong enough within the heart of the body social to keep aloof from us the vile, malice begotten of selfishness, and degrading arrogance, and if he says aye, then our onward march from victory to victory is as certain as the immortality of justice.

Otherwise the great day of our deliverance may be retarded, and though the cause will be victorious in the end, we will bear the blame for the delay.

Let us be brothers as we see the century out, and we may live to see the next century of brotherhood.

M. WINCHEVSKY
New York.

ADDISON W. BARR.

To speak of "the coming year" is like speaking of "tomorrow" which never comes. We live always in the present, but as mind develops it may leave the body which is chained to the material present and run ahead to get what the future holds for us, and what it sees are mostly opportunities. The opportunities which will present themselves to us within twelve months should result in the strengthening of the general Socialist movement by the union of the liberal wings of the various organized groups which include a large majority of the active workers. The adoption by the reconstructed party of a name more correct and better adapted to political uses, I regard the one word, "Socialist," as superior to any combination.

The more general distribution of unofficial literature of propaganda in the abstract as well as that which is especially calculated to stimulate organization, these two should be used in the order named. The general establishment by organizations of classes in economics that the members naturally adapted for it should be qualified to meet with equal assurance any argument whatever adversary. The victories won in Haverhill, Brockton and the achievement of new victories. The election of representatives to the lower house of Congress is among the possibilities. The convergence of the various socialistic elements holds forth hope that the time is at hand when this country shall assume her proper position in the international socialist movement and with "Unity in principle," liberty in not essentials and common sense in all things, build up a movement that shall bring the workers out of bondage.

ADDISON W. BARR.
Worcester, Mass.

MERLIN.

When the editor of the Social Democrat thus throws open the doors of prophecy, the bird of omens flies outward and upward, until its broad shade seems to overlap the limits of the old Bay State. Effort has made us strong, success has made us bold, and enthusiasm impels us on to new fields of conflict and conquest.

to the level of hard fact, we realize that the glowing picture of the ideal life can only be painted on the canvas of the real by our patient and persistent use of the brush of personal endeavor. The optimistic drone and the pessimistic drudge are neither of the great factors of success.

The coming year holds great possibilities for our party. The victory of 1899 has been the opening wedge. In Haverhill the massed ranks of capitalism have been pierced by our determined union, and from our point of vantage we may win greater victories still.

The coming year holds, as well, great tasks for us. We are given the seed of chance, but we must crack the shell. We are given the mable of possibility, but the statue of achievement can only be released and revealed by the strenuous pressing line heaven of success can be reached only through the purgatory of work.

Then, too, the coming year holds for the Social Democracy great dangers. As a party we are at present in the position of an infant. Our growth is exposed to the gaze of criticism. Any false step, any flaw of character, and indiscretion of private conduct or public action, will be used to prejudice the public mind.

When there are changes taking place in the realm of American socialism today that are fraught with danger. The question of fusion with the segment of another socialist party is one that will be raised and settled in the coming year. Its settlement calls for careful thought and the good sense of the party. Any deflection from our present name, policy, or plan would be a grievous and dangerous mistake.

I shall not attempt to give a definite prophecy of what the year holds for the Social Democracy. It is what shall be definitely accomplished, however, answered by social democrats themselves.

MERLIN.

IMOGENE C. FALES.

We stand on the verge of a new year and the beginning of a new century. Locked up in this latest and fairest born of all the ages are the answers to the tumultuous yearnings of mankind since the hour when the spirit higher than the flesh first came to be. At last, at last the ideas of the age that is passing are to become the realities of the age that is about to dawn. And then in the fulfillment of what we have desired will be lifted the veil of our life, and we shall come to be in their turn again realized in the advancing years.

We are living in an electrical age of quickening thought and human affairs are moving with unprecedented activity.

Even as the hurrying days of Christmas tide are carrying us out of the old year into the new, so the rapidly culminating events of social life are bearing us swiftly on to the great change when the old order will pass away and be reborn in the New Year.

Politically there is every indication that the presidential strife of 1900 will be a very unequal one, and that the democratic party in its utter defeat will never regain its lost prestige. As things point to the renomination and election of Mr. McKinley and the strengthening of the corrupt imperialistic capitalist rule of which he is the acknowledged head.

When the smoke of battle clears away it will be seen that henceforth the conflict is to be between capitalistic individualism and socialism,—between the Republican party and the Social Democratic party.

When the new year shows life and activity in the political field then Republicans and Democrats will do as they did at Haverhill, combine their forces for the defeat of Socialism.

By 1901 unless I am greatly mistaken, there will be usually two parties, one contending for mastery. The Republican, swollen to enormous dimensions by the absorption of the Democratic party and the newly born party of the people—the Social Democratic party.

There is every reason to believe that from now on, Socialism will advance with grand strides, and that in four years more it will be the victorious element in politics. It cannot be otherwise, unless right and justice and mankind are to perish from the earth, and civilization itself suffer an enduring eclipse. This we know cannot be. Progress is too firmly entrenched, intelligence is too general and manhood too virile to allow present social conditions to continue. The hand writing is on the wall. "Weighed in the balance and found wanting," is written of this civilization.

The future is ours, of that there is not the shadow of a doubt. The thought that the struggle through liberty and happiness, is at last to find expression and shape and clothe anew the earth and its inhabitants.

This is not simply a hope. It is the discernment of great fact. We know that the old order has reached its height of development, and must pass away. Even now it is clearly seen to be on the wane. As Socialists, as workers in the cause of humanity, we are only carrying out through our united efforts the great evolutionary laws that the Creator of the Universe has interwoven in the nature of things. The old gives place to the new, the higher evolves from the lower. A climax in social evolution has been reached, and now comes the new life, the new thought, the brotherhood of man, the federation of nations, that is to save and glorify the world.

Back of our efforts are the stupendous laws and forces of nature compelling us to the great conflict that no matter what shape it may assume will finally end in victory for the people.

figure around which, so far as persons are concerned, is gathered this movement. If we had better organization in the different states he would should be content with his 250,000.

2—Rightly managed, an campaign in the state of Ohio would show astonishing results. There we have a hundred and ten thousand voters who have broken away from the old parties. They have supported a man who called himself a socialist. The name therefore has no terrors for them. They will be able in 1900, as Mr. Jones has limited himself and cannot work for any political party. If we go into Ohio next week we will poll from ten to thirty thousand votes. We ought to make about that gains also in Idaho. The same outrages were perpetrated through a silver democratic government allowed to continue under William McKinley's administration, and with no word of protest from William J. Bryan.

The year 1900 will mark the defeat of Bryan and the beginning of the mean the definite beginning of the disintegration of the democratic party. The masses of the people can then be brought under the sway of socialism.

4—McKinley will be elected (barring death and accidents). His next administration will witness the rapid turning of the true system, the growth in the insolence of the Imperialism of Wealth, the rapid disappearance of the Middle Class, the desperation of the people, who under the leadership of the Social Democracy will rise by the millions in 1904 in political rebellion.

5—So far as the state of Massachusetts is concerned the most important thing before us is the completion of the organization. To accomplish this we must have some one who shall devote all time to this work. A paid state secretary and organizer must be easily double our best man. We can easily double our best man.

FREDERICK MACCARTNEY
Rockland, Mass. Dec. 26, 1899.

THE DOCTOR OBJECTED.

Refused to Treat a Patient Until He Received His Fee.

"I used to think I was a pretty young man," said Will McKinley, the New York stage manager, to a New York Telegraph reporter, "but since a little experience I had results I am willing to throw up my hands and humbly confess that I am not it in any sense of the word. As I left the door of the theater I met a young woman standing outside who was crying with pain. I asked her what the trouble was, and she replied she had suddenly been taken ill and could not walk home. She told me she lived in West Forty-eighth street, and I volunteered to accompany her.

"She led me to a flat house and to her room in the rear, where she fell to the floor and began screaming for me to go to the front room and get a doctor. I went to the apartment she designated, rapped on the door, and a young man came out and asked what I wanted.

"Are you a physician?" I asked.

"Yes," he replied calmly.

"Well," I said, "come to the back room; there is a young woman there dangerously ill."

"He grabbed a little satchel and followed me to the room. When we got there, he leaned over the woman, felt her pulse and said she was suffering from heart failure. He was a little slow, and I asked him why he did not minister to her wants.

"Because," he replied coolly, "I did once and I have never been paid for the work."

"As it was only a matter of \$3 I told him I did not care to see the girl die, and reaching into my pocket, pulled out the required sum and handed it to the physician. He gave the patient some sort of powder, and in five minutes she was as well as any woman I ever saw in my life. She thanked me for my kindness, and I left the house, feeling I had performed a good night's work in saving a woman's life. The next day I saw her walking down Broadway with the same physician. I told the story of my good deed to a friend beside me and pointed out the woman.

"I never thought you were such a good thing," Mac said. "That man with her is her husband, and she has been working that same game for five years to my knowledge."

DEWEY PUT OUT THE FIRE.

And Likewise Spoiled the Fun of the Troublesome Jackies.

A military university president who was formerly a naval officer recently told the story of an amusing experience which fell to the lot of Admiral Dewey while he was serving as executive officer of the Colorado at the close of the civil war.

"A new officer on board a ship," said the professor, "is put through a course of sports by the 'jackies'—the common sailors, who are pretty skillful at that sort of thing. It is often disagreeable and embarrassing for the new officer, but the sailors usually manage it so cleverly that they keep within the regulations.

"One of the rules on board ship is that the men shall not carry matches. A lantern is kept burning for the convenience of smokers."

"As young Dewey came on deck early one morning one of the Colorado's roughest characters said to a shipmate who was confabing with him in the 'brig' or ship's prison, in a tone loud enough for Dewey to hear:

"Bill, I've got some matches in my pocket, and I've a blamed good notion to burn this old ship under his feet."

"Dewey didn't say a word, but immediately turned on his heel and rang the fire bell, at the same time calling out, 'Fire on the brig!'

"Such an alarm, so early in the morning, before the men had tumbled out of their quarters, was unwelcome, but in a few seconds the decks swarmed with half-dressed sailors, who manned the four powerful fire nozzles which protected the brig."

"Of course Dewey, as executive officer, directed the streams, and in a few moments two very wet, very cold, very much disgusted and half-drowned sailors were howling for mercy."

"Dewey shouted, 'Fire out! Make secure!' Then he turned to the dripping sailors and said, 'I guess those matches of yours are too wet to do much damage now.'—Youth's Companion.

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UNION DIRECTORY.

Meetings of Local Trades unions held at Labor headquarters, 25 Washington street, as follows:
Monday, Boot and Shoe Workers Union No. 1.
Tuesday, Boot and Shoe Workers Union No. 2.
Wednesday, Boot and Shoe Workers Union No. 3.
Thursday, Boot and Shoe Workers Union, No. 151, Friday.
Typographical Union, First Monday in each month.
Carpenters Union, every Tuesday evening.
Box Makers Union, every other Tuesday.
Barbers Union, every other Monday.
Horse Shoers Union, every other Friday.
Shoe Council, every Thursday.
Central Labor Union, every other Sunday.
Lasters Union, every Friday night.
Bricklayers Union, every Monday night, 201 Washington street.

UNIONS WITHDRAW

FROM NATIONAL UNIONS AND NEW INDEPENDENT BODY IS ABOUT ORGANIZED.

The movement among the shoe workers' unions to withdraw from the national body and form an independent organization is going forward at considerable speed, and unless something happens, the last steps will be taken before the new year begins.
By the time this appears in print, Union 2, turned workmen, Union No. 2, machine operators, Union No. 6, stitchers, and Union No. 151, McKay stitchers, will probably have surrendered their charters to the national boot and shoe workers' union. Following upon this, the Central Labor union will also return its charter to the American Federation of Labor. The laws of the latter body call for central bodies only to accept delegates from organizations whose national unions, if such exist, are affiliated with the A. F. of L. When the shoe workers' unions leave the national body, it becomes compulsory upon the Central Labor union to do one of two things, viz., refuse admission to the shoe workers or leave the Federation, and as the shoe workers compose the bulk of membership of the C. L. U. the connection with the A. F. of L. is therefore severed.

The new officers of the local unions will be elected with the new year and it is expected that there will be very few, if any, changes made from the present officials. Agent Donovan will certainly be re-elected to his present position, which is the most important to local union affairs. Delegates to the Central Labor union and the shoe council will also take place. The shoe council will probably compose the executive board of the new general organization.

Preparations for the introduction of new price lists in the various factories are being actively carried on. The cutters' union expect to introduce price lists in several new quarters, particularly one of the largest non-union factories in the city.

The regular meeting of the Carpenters union was mainly devoted to the feasibility of adopting a new wage scale and a union priced list was presented to the contractors at an early date. A committee was appointed to attend the meeting of the city government during the coming year and supervise the work done affecting the union's interests.

LOCAL NOTES

The annual concert and ball of the Haverhill firemen's relief association, held in the city hall on Friday evening of last week, was the most successful in the history of the association. The audience was very large and the occasion was befitting the opening of the social season. Reeves' American band of Providence, R. I. provided the music for the concert. Almost 175 couples were in line for the grand march, which was led by District Chief C. F. Hills and wife. At midnight a banquet was served by Tanner, after which dancing was resumed and continued until 4 a.m. Visiting firemen were present from Boston, Lowell, Lawrence, Newburyport, Groveland, Georgetown, Amesbury, Merrimac, Plaiston, N. H., Exeter, N. H., and were entertained by the local firemen. The committee on reception consisted of Mayor Chase, Chief J. B. Gordon, Assistant Chief A. S. Eaton, District Chief H. A. Thompson and District Chief J. H. Page.

License Commissioner Isaiah W. Ticomb died of heart failure Sunday afternoon last at his home on Belmont street. He was 87 years of age and had been a resident of this city ever since 1876. He was a democrat. He was appointed to the license commission when that board was created by ex-Mayor Taylor and was re-appointed in 1896 by Mayor and was appointed in 1898 as clerkman from ward 4 in 1898, and in 1897 he occupied a seat in the aldermanic chamber. He served for several years on the democratic city committee. The funeral was held on Wednesday morning, and the burial was at Peilham, N. H.

NO BRYANISM IN OURS

The Social Democratic party fuses, trades, combines, co-operates, works with, co-alesces or unites with no political party that does not favor, believe in and work for the substitution of social ownership of the means of production in place of private ownership. This is not a doctrine of the Democracy of Jefferson or of Bryan; it is Socialism, and Social Democrats are Socialists. They will never support in any way the candidacy of Bryan; they cannot be wheedled into that by Bryan's deluded admirers calling themselves Socialists, in Massachusetts or anywhere else. The Social Democratic party will never be Bryanized; it will never hold a joint convention with the Democratic party; it has no Allen, Simons and Peppers to "string" it in the interest of a gang of hypocritical Democratic politicians. It is quite as much opposed to Bryan as McKinley and will give no more political aid to Willie of the Platte than to Willie of Canton. IT IS THE PARTY OF SOCIALISM IN THIS COUNTRY, as such it is the co-operation of Socialists and the citizens of the city. Mr. Bryan's "board of strategy," Social Democratic Herald.

The Labor Movement From Pole to Pole.

Jaures, the renowned French socialist is again urging a unification of all Socialist factions in France. "Never," says he, "was it more necessary to have a united socialist party. The Socialists are now at a parting of the ways, and if they are vigilant their action may be decisive. Their responsibilities are no longer vague and undefined, but they are clear and precise. If they are not careful their faults will do them much harm. If they are not united their discords and their quarrels will do much harm to the Republic. Would that the admirable unity and seal of the Republicans and Socialists of Paris might be found in the coming Congress. But it will be so, it must be so. The good ship will soon be on the high seas. Woe to that ship, woe to that crew if there be not fire and cordial unity."

112 delegates, representing 2,260 political groups with a total membership of 184,547, sat in a Socialist congress at Vienna, Austria. The action of the sixteen representatives in the Reichsrath was approved and the establishment of universal suffrage in all elections advocated. All nationalities of the Austrian empire were represented.—At Graz two Socialists were elected to the municipal council.

A critical situation has arisen in the brass trades of Birmingham and throughout the country, says Justice, owing to the operatives having demanded a fixed minimum wage of 6d (12 cents) per hour and a bonus, and the regulation of juvenile labor, boys only to be employed in the proportion of one to four men. The employers are adverse to the proposals. 1,000 men are involved.

German woolen mill owners contemplate the erection of manufacturing establishments at Philadelphia, in order to save import duty and retain the trade in this country. Capitalism can not be held in check by boundary lines. Its exploitation can only be abolished by the international propaganda of socialism.

The case of Walton, who sued for \$20,000, because the members of a steel workers' union refused to work with him, was thrown out of the Crown Point, Ind., court last week. Had there been a possibility of holding the defendant (the union) it would have been found guilty of conspiracy.

Keen competition in the cloak industry in New York city is causing small manufacturers considerable heartache. Several failures occurred recently, of which it tends to show that even in the midst of prosperity the downfall of the middle class is inevitable. St. Paul boxmakers have organized.

Miners in the Massillon, Ohio, districts think they ought to have ten per cent. increase in wages. Will advocate a demand that effect at their next convention.

The Municipal Council of Brussels, Belgium, voted \$1,000 to pay the expenses of workmen delegates to the Paris exhibition. Socialists were unsuccessful in their efforts to double the amount.

In Vienna (Neustadt) the Socialists elected a representative to the Austrian legislature. In view of the fact that a large proportion of working men are disfranchised this is a great victory.

The printers on four daily Pittsburg papers struck because of the refusal of machine tenders to join the I T U. Incidentally a demand for an increase of five cents per hour was also denied.

The social democratic vote in Zurich, Switzerland, increased from 26,000 in 1893 to 50,000 in 1898.

A soap factory at Sheboygan, Mich. has adopted the union label to better place its product.

The National Building Trades Council convenes at Milwaukee the 8th of next month.

Chair trust failed to materialize at Milwaukee. Will try again later.

Baltimore faction of painters issued ten charters during November.

Miners meet in convention at Indianapolis January 15, 1900.

Molders strike at Racine, Wis. settled 500 men affected.

Silk weavers of Summit, N. J. are out on strike.

Debs is now stirring up the Canucks.

Erie painters organized.

NOTICE

Comrade A. Hayman of Haverhill will, until further notice, act as traveling representative of the Haverhill Social Democratic and is authorized to collect subscriptions for this paper. Any courtesies shown to him will be appreciated by the publishers.

THE FATE OF TOWN CHILDREN

Oh, the children! Oh, the children! How they suffer, droop and die In the close and crowded cities, when the days are hot and dry! How the grasp and groan and murmur in their ceaseless, voiceless prayer. For a bit of God's great bounty, for the blessing in the air!

Rooms and houses packed and reeking hold the children day and night, Shutting off the healthful breeze, with the sunshine and the light. Only noxious odors reach them, that can enter everywhere. All the gases of the garbage, all the fever-laden air.

There the dark death angel fans them, watching well their falling breath. Holds them, holds them in his arms until their eyes are closed in death. Oh, the coffins nightly filled, and oh, the hearsees that by day Through the city's narrow, nasty streets are driven fast away!

Breases blowing all about them, blowing freshly here and there, All the glory of the ocean, all the sweetness of the air; But the children cannot reach them, from the freshest breezes barred. And we do not need wonder that their lives are brief and hard.

B. P. Willett, proprietor of a job printing plant in New York City, and the foreman of the office were arrested for printing boycott circulars against the Sun.—Several compositors were arrested in Williamsburg, N. Y., for distributing boycott literature against the Sun.—Notwithstanding these persecutions the fight against the rat sheet is going unabated.

Pittsburg, Kansas, union miners who threatened to go on strike to force the release of their colleague, John P. Reese, jailed at Fort Scott for contempt of court, were induced by Labor Commissioner Johnson to continue at work, as their cessation of work would only mean hardship to the workers themselves.

Brewery workers of Milwaukee have decided to make another effort to secure more humane treatment and a living rate of wages for the workers in the malting houses in Wisconsin. Most of the malting concerns of that state are non-union, which accounts for the deplorable condition of these workers.

I T U issued ten charters since last report. The typographers are concentrated in their efforts against the New York Sun, Chicago News-Record, and Kansas City Typothetae.—One of the largest book and job offices of Milwaukee has unionized its establishment.

Factory Inspector Campbell, of Pennsylvania, reports sixty places found during three months ending October 31, 1899, in which clothing was made in habitations where contagious diseases prevailed. The goods were "confiscated" under the sweat shop act.

Stove Founders' association has decided to advance the price of stoves and ranges 25 per cent. There will be no strike of those in need of these products against the outrageous demands of the stove manufacturers, neither will an injunction be served restraining them from robbing the public.

The Belgian national legislature has passed a law providing for proportional representation. Under the new system Brussels, for instance, will elect 7 Catholics, 6 Liberals, and 5 Socialists, instead of 18 Catholics, as heretofore. The measure is considered as an effort to counteract socialist propaganda.

21 persons were fined, aggregating 148 months imprisonment, for participation in the masons' strike at Augsburg, Germany last January. Capitalism subjugates the working class everywhere alike.

The Narragansett Brewing Co. of Providence, R. I., has been unionized by the joint action securing the eight-hour day. The controversy has been on for the past four years.

Union Pacific engineers and firemen have asked for more pay on account of extra work necessitated on recently introduced larger engines.

The refusal of the A. F. of L convention to seat the delegate from the Omaha Central Labor Union, because of a membership of a so-called second-rate faction of painters, has very much stirred up the laborites of that burg.

Five members of the United Metal Workers of Chicago were arrested for contempt of court, ignoring Judge Holden's order not to interfere with wages and sentenced from four to fourteen days in jail.

Picketing in strikes, according to a decision of the Chancellor Reed rendered in Trenton, N. J., is a nuisance and must not be tolerated.

The supreme court of Kansas decided that the eight-hour law passed in that state is legal.

12,000 building trades craftsmen of Pittsburg have made a demand for the eight-hour day to take effect April 1, 1900.

The nomination of the Union Reform party for the presidential election will be made by direct vote of the members.

Scotch steel workers received an increase of five per cent. which concession averted a threatened difficulty.

The Pioneer Press, of St. Paul, will be gotten out under union conditions from February 1, 1900, on.

State Grange of Delaware considered the advisability of organizing a trust to control farm products.

Journemen tailors issued eight charters last month.

Indianapolis coopers struck for an advance in prices.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC.

Grand scenic productions will be the rule every night next week at the Academy. By "Gross' New Yorker" ARBEITER ZEITUNG. The company of players that has ever appeared in a repertoire of popular prices. The company carries a special car for the transportation of their properties. Strict attention is given to the details which justifies the stock company in the claim that they give the most complete productions ever attempted by a similar company. During the engagement, the following strong plays will be produced, with beautiful scenery and gorgeous costumes: "Woman Against Woman," "First Families in Virginia," "Runaway Wife," "On the Rappahanock," "White Slave," "Alone in London," "The Banker's Daughter," "A Member of Congress," "Eagle's Nest," "For His Sake," "Falsely Accused." Curtain will rise at 7 and 8 p. m. sharp, owing to the large number of extra specialties to be introduced between the acts.

We are glad to note that the star of success for the Social Democratic party in this country is fast becoming brighter. The sound doctrine of Socialism is casting a bright halo over the thinking men and they are waking up to the grand truth now being promulgated for the betterment of the souls of our land, as the recent elections in Massachusetts show. At Brockton the Social Democratic party elected their Mayor, Mr. Coulter, and Mr. Coulter carried every ward. As also did the city of Haverhill, who elected Chase to the mayoralty.—Fort Angeles, Wash. New Light.

WEEKLY MEETING OF THE WOMEN'S SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC CLUB

The meeting of the Women's Social Democratic club on Wednesday night was a success in every way. Five new members were admitted. It was decided to change the date for the concert and ball from Jan. 19 to Jan. 26, on account of the annual ball of the Father Mathew society being held at the city hall on the former date. Lafayette hall has been engaged. The club decided to have readings and discussion at all meetings hereafter, after the transaction of routine business. "Merrie England" has been selected as the first book to be read and discussed, a chapter being taken at each meeting.

The next meeting of the club will be held on next Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock at the same place, Beal Bros' store, 168 Merrimack street, and all women interested in socialism are invited to attend.

THE CITY GOVERNMENT OF 1899

TRANSACTS SOME BUSINESS

TUESDAY EVENING THEN

ADJOURNS SINE DIE

The last sessions of both branches of the present city government were held on Tuesday evening. Mayor Chase presided at the aldermanic session. Councilman Adams was absent through illness and resolutions of regret and sympathy were adopted.

An order was passed by both branches increasing the salary of the city solicitor from \$800 to \$1200.

The petition of the Haverhill & Southern New Hampshire street railway company for locations from the junction of Main and Merrimack streets through Main and Winter streets, Lafayette square, Broadway to the Mathen line, was referred by the aldermen to the incoming city government.

The order abolishing the workhouse at the city almshouse was considered by the aldermen and was passed to be enrolled, being approved later by Mayor Chase.

Edward B. Merrill, Thos. H. Lovejoy and William O. Chase were drawn as traverse jurors.

A vote of thanks was extended Mayor Chase for his impartial rulings during the year. Mayor Chase replied briefly.

The bill of Chas. Butters for \$600 as clerk of the park commission was referred to the park commission by both boards.

In the lower board votes of thanks were extended President Huntington, City Messenger Connor, Clerk Bowker and Mayor's Clerk Davis.

Both boards before adjourning referred all unfinished business to the next city government.

LONG MEETING OF THE LOCAL BRANCH WEDNESDAY NIGHT

The regular meeting of the local branch of the social democratic party on Wednesday night was largely attended and the session was long and protracted one. Much business of importance was transacted and it was a late hour when adjournment was taken, until this (Saturday) evening when a special meeting will be held.

Under the head of communications will be an appeal was read from the Bohemian branch of Chicago requesting financial aid to establish a bohemian social democratic paper. A committee was appointed to solicit funds in response to the appeal.

Three new applications for membership were received and three new members were admitted.

Comrade N. Tarrico resigned as financial secretary after service in the office for a year and a half. A vote of thanks was extended to him for his faithful performance of his duty.

Notification was received of a meeting of the Essex County Committee of the party to be held in Newburyport at social democratic headquarters on January 7. It was voted to request the committee to consider the organization of this, the 6th congressional district, for the congressional election next year.

Nominations were then presented of the candidates for the different offices to be filled by the Common Council on Monday next. The names of the candidates will be printed on a ballot and the Australian ballot system will be followed in the election of the party's nominees. The polls will be open from the hours of 5 to 9 on this (Saturday) evening in the office of the Haverhill Social Democrat and every member of the party should vote. A meeting of the branch will be held as soon as the votes are counted to hear the result of the balloting and to ratify the nominations.

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