

EDITORIAL

A TRIPLE “DAILY PEOPLE LIE.”

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TAKE a stitch in a rotten cloth, and it will rip up somewhere else. A rent in a rotten cloth cannot be closed but at the expense of some new rent. Homely sayings these are, and yet so true that they approve their wisdom everywhere. The rotten cloth of the Kangaroo Social Democratic, alias “Socialist” party is making the experience, just now in Massachusetts.

Political corruption was a flower that could not fail to blossom on the corrupt economic stalk of that concern. The claim that the infamies committed by the Organized Scabbery was “a noble waging of the Class Struggle,” could not choose but have its external manifestations in the political corruption that showed itself in the Eichmann, the Smith, the Macarthur, the Seth Tabor and in so many other cases where Social Democrats ran on capitalist tickets too, or accepted the endorsements of such. The Socialist Labor Party pilloried these acts of corruption and flayed the criminals as fast as they showed their heads, and these “DAILY PEOPLE Lies” made the scurvy Kangaroo squirm. Thereupon he started to “take stitches,” he “passed resolutions” against such political log-rolling,—whereupon the rottenness of the cloth attested itself by fresh rips.

Before us is a Specimen Ballot for Webster, Mass., in the late municipal election, held April 7. The ballot is furnished with the signature of the Town Clerk, L.J. Upham. Now, approach and read the lay on the inside. There it will be found that not less than three candidates of the alleged “Socialist” party ran also on the capitalist tickets,—two on the Democratic, one on the Republican. These worthies are:

John E. Carty ran for Town Clerk on the “Socialist” and the Democratic tickets;
James Farrell ran for Warden on the “Socialist” and the Democratic tickets;
Martin V.B. Back ran for Assessor on the “Socialist” and the Republican tickets.

Take a new stitch ye scabby crew of Kangaroo Social Democrats, who are seeking to throw disrepute on the fair name of Socialism; pass a new “resolution;” your rotten cloth—woven of Armory-building, of reception Committees to Secretaries of War, and of political log-rolling, and of Kowtows to the Organized Scabbery—needs stitches badly, and the more of these the quicker will the whole mass drop into the dusty detritus of the ash-barrel contents.

N.B.—The above referred to Specimen Ballot is in this office for inspection. Needless to say it is genuine. The S.L.P. deals not in forgeries. Such is the stock in trade of the Kangaroo only.

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