EDITORIAL

THE SCAB SOCIAL DEMOCRACY UP TO DATE.

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A NUMBER of times, each time duly authenticated, instances have been entered of record in these columns in the course of the last twelve months, that proved beyond a doubt that the Social Democracy, especially its Kangaroo wing, is to Socialism what a satyr is to Hyperion; that it is the spawn of the ash-barrel reactionary element of capitalism, doused with the impure motives and aspirations of an “intellectual” riff-raff, too frayed to figure in the camp of bona fide capitalism, and too vicious and depraved to entertain for bona fide Socialism and its organization any but sentiments of malice and the envy of the degenerate. The instances adduced demonstrated in each case that the said Social Democracy is a political exhalation, and a corrupt one at that, of the political camp of Capitalism. Nevertheless, clear tho’ each instance was, taken isolatedly, as given from time to time, much of their individual force may have been lost. In the hurry of modern life and the crowd of events things are easily forgotten. For that reason, let that Scab or Kangaroo Social Democrat be now brought up to date:

John C. Smith (Social Democrat) ran last November in the Worcester, Mass., District, on the Social Democratic and the Democratic ticket platform.

Morris Eichmann (Social Democrat) ran this Spring in West Hoboken, N.J., on the Social Democratic, the regular Democratic, the Republican and the “Citizens’” ticket platform.

Andrew Holmes (Social Democrat) is running in Peekskill, N.Y., on the Social Democratic ticket, is a political job holder, as Street Commissioner, by the grace of the Democratic party.

Edward Staub (Social Democrat) is running in Syracuse, N.Y., on the Social Democratic ticket, and figures simultaneously on the official Democratic primary ballot and as delegate to the Democratic ward convention.

Rev. F.O.C. McCartney (Social Democratic member of the Massachusetts Legislature) is running in the Rockland, Mass., District, on the “Citizens’” caucus
ticket and platform.

Seth Tabor (Social Democrat) is running on the Social Democratic ticket, and is a political job holder by the grace of the Republican party.

Everett and King (Social Democrats) are political job holders in San Francisco, Cal., by the grace of a Democratic Mayor.

Dr. Wooldridge (Social Democrat) is a political job holder in Cleveland, O., by the grace of a Democratic Mayor.

John Foley (notorious ward heeler for the Democratic ex-Senator Murphy) is running in Troy, N.Y., on the Social Democratic ticket and platform for President Common Council, and openly declares that he will vote the Democratic ticket straight.

Chas. Harzheimer (Social Democrat) is running in Kings County (Brooklyn) for County Clerk on the Fusion (Republican and Citizens’) ticket and platform.

Holzer (Social Democrat) appears as a Vice-President on the official call for a German-Tammanly Hall meeting on the West Side of New York City.

J.B. Osborn (Social Democrat) officiates in Denver, Colo., as a puller-in for the Police in its attempt to prevent Socialist Labor Party meetings.

James F. Carey (Social Democrat) votes in the Haverhill, Mass., Common Council for a $15,000 appropriation to place an Armory in working order.

The list could be continued indefinitely. In its short career the leprosy of its birth was broken out all over the body of the Social Democracy. It stands to-day self-branded the most putrid and rapidly decomposing product of capitalist political chicanery to confuse and keep the working class divided.