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SOCIALIST MAYORS.

It may seem strange to many people that several Massachusetts towns have for successive years recently elected socialist mayors, says the Telegram. But in practical politics the socialism of these officials does not aim, or, at least, does not attempt to accomplish, very much beyond municipal ownership of all public franchises, such as those for light and water plants, telephone systems, street-car lines, etc. The young men elected in these two or three New England towns are socialists of the Bellamy school in profession, but in practice they are so limited by their environment and by the status of society and the business world, that they are powerless to do any great amount of harm—or good. As to municipal ownership of what is somewhat vaguely classed as "public utilities," such as were mentioned above, a great many people who do not class themselves as socialists are of the same way of thinking. Hence the election of two or three socialist mayors in New England does not portend any great social, economic or political upheaval.

The report of the capture of the British Ninth Lancers by the Boers, though false, brings up once more the discussion in military circles as to the value of the lance. In the French army the adversaries of the weapons are in an immense majority. They ridicule the thing, and insist that it should appear only in museums, among the relics of the middle ages. For ten years, nevertheless, the little group that favors the lance has held out. Probably the pretty effect of a regiment of lancers on parade has something to do with the stubborn resistance. But the moral effect of the thing in actual warfare, as compared with that of blazing carbines in the hands of charging horsemen, who hold their sabres in reserve, counts for little in the opinion of French officers. In the German army it was abolished some time ago; but it was recently restored. Austria has thrown it out completely, and in Russia it is preserved only in a few Cossack regiments. On the other hand, in the war of the Sudan, in which Gen. Lord Wolseley distinguished himself, Gen. Graham's corps came nearly being annihilated by Arabs armed with long lances.—Statesman.

The death of Senator Hayward, of Nebraska, will reduce by two the Republican majority in the United States senate, says the Review. Hayward was elected, after a bitter struggle, at the last session of the Nebraska legislatures, but sickness and death prevented his sitting in the

senate. Under the constitution, "if vacancies happen by resignation or otherwise during the recess of the legislature of any state, the executive thereof may make temporary appointments until the next meeting of the legislature, which shall then fill such vacancies." The executive of Nebraska, Governor Poynter, is a fusionist, and will appoint a fusionist to succeed Hayward.

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