our citizens is treated as the property of certain private corporations, openly capitalized for billions of dollars, the vast volume of tribute drawn from the masses of the community is the least pernicious of its results. The wide emulation in plunder which it evokes is its worst result. The spectacle of government taking from masses of men some of the profits created by their labor to enrich a few favor-

ites encourages the socialist to insist that government should monopolize the entire field of industry and divide all of its profits among the whole people. "We denounce the socialism which

seeks to make government the sole agent of production as nothing less than a proposal to re-establish the institution of tyranny and industrial slavery which perished before the advance of Christian civilization. For the very essence of despotism is to vest in the state absolute control of all industry and therefore ownership of all its products; while the essence of democracy is to confirm in every man the right to dispose of his own labor and possess in peace everything

produced by it.

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"Realizing every socialistic proposal, however disguised under sonorous and misleading phrases, to be a step leading inevitably toward the re-establishment of despotism in government and servitude in labor, the democratic party must always be vigilant in unmasking it and inflexible in opposing it. In this opposition we ask the cooperation and support of all citizens who feel that the issue now before the country is no mere struggle for office or for advantage between political parties, but a contest for the existence of Christian civilization and of democratic government, its last and most valuable fruit."

The republican state convention for New York in session at Saratoga nominated the following ticket:

Governor-Charles E. Hughes.

Lieutenant governor - M. Linn

Attorney general-Julius M. Mayer. Secretary of state-John F. O'Brien. Comptroller-Merton E. Lewis. State treasurer-J. G. Wallenmeier

State engineer and surveyor-H. A. Van Algtyne.

Charles E. Hughes, the nominee for governor, is the lawyer who conducted the insurance investigation.

An Associated Press dispatch from Honolulu says: "The democratic territorial convention in its platform declares that William J. Bryan is the acknowledged leader of the party. After expressing approval of the Roosevelt administration, the home rulers endorsed George R. Carter, the present incumbent, for governor."

Alabama republicans nominated the following ticket:

Governor-Judge A. E. Stratton. governor-James Lieutenant

Hurst. Attorney general-J. B. Sloan.

State auditor-J. C. Miller. Secretary of state-George R. Randolph.

State treasurer-George Byers, Commissioner of agriculture-Wil-

liam Cook. Members of railroad commission-S. R. Leonard, Charles P. Lane.

Chief justice-Shelby S. Pleasants. Associate justices-Warren S. Rees, Arthur S. Stiles.

The Montana democratic state convention in session at Butte nominated T. J. Walsh for congress and Judge John B. McClennon for associate justice. The platform declared for railroad reform, popular election of senstors, and made a complimentary reference to Mr. Bryan.

TAXES AND SURTAXES

It is said that President Roosevelt has "demanded an explanation of how the bill imposing a surtax of 100 per cent on the classes of cotton goods used by the poor people of the Philippines reached him without any one pointing out that it would do the Philippines a great injustice."

This does him credit, even though it comes too late to help the Filipinos against the tax and the surtax. But with equal reason he might demand an explanation of the effects of surtaxes at home if he has not yet learned how they do a "great injustice" to those who are compelled to pay them without being allowed to know how or why.

For example, seamless cotton stockings for women and hose and half hose for men are first taxed a reasonable tax of 15 cents on the dollar of value. For the benefit of monopoly

percentage as the value of the article anxiety: decreases in open market.

On clothing, on articles of iron, tin, steel and everything else which enters into general use, we have this system of taxes with surtaxes, or taxes laid on the top of taxes, added for the sole purpose of supporting ious to know?" monopoly prices in the United States.

The same system introduced in the Philippines robs the Filipines outrageously, but the theory of "benevolent assimilation" for the Filipinos is that they ought to be subjected as completely as possible to all the systems which have been scientifically perfected for plundering the people at home.-St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

While Archbishop Trench was dean bunch of pasteboards. a surtax of from 50 cents to \$2 a of Westminster he delegated Canon dozen is then added in addition to the Cureton to preach at the abbey on a want to go," she snapped. "Just you tax of 15 cents on the dollar of value. certain saint's day. On such days the sell me a ticket to New York, but The surtax has another operation. boys of Westminster school attended bear in mind that I'm going there be-It is usually "specific." That is, it is service and afterwards had the rest cause I've got to; not because I want not a tax on the value of the goods, of the day as a holiday. While Mr. to."-Washington Star.

which rises or falls with the market, Cureton, on the morning of the day but a fixed tax of so much a dozen, he was to officiate, was looking over a yard, a pound, a bushel or a ton, his sermon at the breakfasst table his which as a tax on value increases its son asked, in a tone vibrating with

"Father, is yours a long sermon to-

"No, Jimmy, not very."

"But how long? Please tell me." "Well about twenty minutes I

should say. But why are you so anx-

"Because, father, the boys say they will thrash me awfully if you are more than half an hour."-London Telegraph.

The woman with thin lips and raspy voice stepped up before the languidly indifferent ticket seller in the railway station.

"Where do you want to go?" he asked, as his jeweled fingers rifled a

"None of your business where I

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