

INDORSED THAT TRAMP LETTER.

Laurence Gronlund, Socialist, Speaks Kindly of Governor Lewelling.

Laurence Gronlund of Washington, D. C., delivered a lecture at the First Congregational church last night upon "The Moral Regeneration of Our Country." Mr. Gronlund is a native of Germany, but takes a decided interest in his adopted country. He makes a specialty of regenerating countries, and is recognized as one of the leading Socialists in the country. He has a slightly foreign accent.

Mr. Gronlund has a mission. He is going to Kansas to organize a new party. He says he thinks the field is ripe and the occasion opportune for building a new party, the corner-stone of which will be socialism—a party which he confidently predicts will be "the successful third party."

All members of trades organizations were invited to attend the lecture. About 150 of them were present. Mr. Gronlund's talk was largely devoted to a delineation of socialistic ethics. Personal cleanness was declared to be one of them. Much of the old Grecian philosophy was mixed up in the lecture. "To pursue one's happiness directly," he declared, "is not the true path to happiness."

"Morality is not the fountain of civilization, but the fruit and flower of civilization."

"Ambition in the service of the ideal is a noble ambition."

"The right to do as we please is not liberty but license."

These and other gems of moral philosophy fell from his lips.

He defined socialism as public ownership of capital, the binding together of humanity and the reformation of society. Humanity he declared to be the body of the living God.

The motto of socialism he declared to be "Everybody According to His Deeds," and contrasted socialism with communism and nationalism.

At the conclusion of his remarks George C. Ward took the platform. He announced that he had been a Socialist for a long time and was proud of it. Then he gave an eloquent description of what socialism meant. "If you want socialism pure and simple, let me point you to that glorious message (if you would call it a message) of that grand humanitarian, Governor Lewelling." Mr. Ward referred to Governor Lewelling's recent tramp letter. "It was the grandest State document ever penned since the foundation of the Republic."

Mr. Gronlund will lecture again Thursday night at the same place upon "The Solution of Our Labor Problem." Friday night he will lecture in Kansas City, Kan.