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The socialists are more or less disappointed in the fact that their vote this year did not show a greater increase over the vote cast four years ago. They must remember one thing, that the Roosevelt administration was not such as the preceding ones to engender and propagate socialism. Two years ago there was much written and spoken regarding the government ownership of railroads. Today we scarcely hear the subject mentioned. The reason is that legislation that a few years ago was thought impossible, has been enacted. The great transportation companies have been checked to a far greater extent than anyone thought could be. It is true, there is yet much to be done along these lines, but sufficient has been accomplished to prove that it may not be necessary for the government to absolutely own and operate the railroads to control them. The people as a rule do not want government ownership, but if that was the only way to get relief, they were drifting very rapidly in that direction. With the constant talk regarding government ownership, socialism was considered by thousands who before never gave it a passing thought. The entire Roosevelt administration correcting so many inequalities and making great corporate interests straighten their methods of doing business that thousands who thought they were forced to adopt socialism as the only relief, have simply waited to see. The next four years will undoubtedly tell whether or not the socialist party will increase or decrease. Either is possible. The democratic party is so badly whipped in so many sections of the country that similar to the days of populism, it may drift toward socialism in large numbers, and if so, the socialist party may be a factor four years hence. There is no question but what the events of the next two or three years will be carefully watched by the student of political possibilities. Many think that the republican party will adopt such measures of the socialist platform as the people may demand from time to time, and like the populist party, will soon leave it scuttled of its practical features. Whatever may be the names, this country needs two strong aggressive political parties. Any party without restraint offers possibility of mismanagement. The leaders take chances that they would not if their every act would make them amenable to the people.

Well, you have heard considerable about the election the past few days, but have you heard anything about the proposed irrigation project? This is too important a question to pass by. We are making one of the greatest mistakes in our history if we let this project slip out, because we cannot find men who will take that list and secure the 20,000 acres required.

Our fruitgrowers seem to have placed a special order for this kind of weather to gather their crop. This is one of the years when it is not only profitable, but a pleasure to pick apples, the product being so uniform in size and rich in color.

Oregon is out of debt and Union county will soon be at the present rate of debt reduction that our county court is making.

CHURCHMAN COMING HERE

The Rev. Fred C. Parker, D. D., corresponding secretary of the Oregon Baptist state convention, will visit the Baptist host of this city, and occupy the pulpit of the First Baptist church next Sunday morning. Dr. Parker is a new recruit to Oregon Baptist forces. He comes to us from Tremont Temple, Boston, where he has been the associate of Dr. P. S. Henson in strongest Baptist interest of New England. The multitude will hear him to great profit.

RALLY TO PARK CALL

The Observer several weeks ago remarked that La Grande would never have a park unless the ladies came to our rescue. Tomorrow afternoon will tell the story. During the past few days a few ladies with a vision of the present, enjoyment and for the generations yet unborn, have secured an option on 14 acres of land at the river, which includes what is known as Proebstel's grove, and a mass meeting of the women of the city is called for tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock to organize and secure, if possible, the co-operation of the city council.

Eight years ago the ladies of the city organized a Park Association, and after months of sacrifice and enthusiasm secured the funds and purchased block 13, Grandy's addition, situated practically opposite the hospital. This tract, which the ladies presented to the city, cost \$400. Today those who are conversant with values, are confident that the tract will bring \$3,200, and the petition presented to the city council at the meeting on Wednesday of this week asked the council to sell this tract and apply it to another location. This location is understood to be the Proebstel tract. There is much that can be said in favor of this location. The large shade trees are already grown. Beautiful Grande Ronde river runs almost through the center of the tract. A natatorium can be established in the summer at little expense, and a skating pond provided for winter amusement. The public school in North La Grande means that sidewalks in that portion of the city are being and will be extended in that portion of the city, and it would only require about one-quarter of a mile of new walk to reach the proposed grounds. Proebstel grove is only two blocks north of the city limits.

La Grande needs a park. We are agreed on this, and our past experience shows that nothing in the way of a park is ever done unless the women of our city take the matter in hand. This they have done and every woman who possibly can should respond to the call tomorrow afternoon.

FUGITIVE STILL LOOSE

Seattle, Nov. 6.—Despite the untiring efforts to run him into death, Leo Bezemer, the kidnaper, who attempted to extort \$5000 from E. P. English, the logger, has dodged the bloodhounds and escaped to the dense forest near Everett, Wash. The dogs failed to pick up the scent this morning. Shots were heard and it is believed they are signals of friends to Bezemer.

CUNNINGHAM BOUND OVER.
 Held in Sum of \$2000 to Higher Court by Justice Stewart.
 Raymond Cunningham's preliminary examination was held this afternoon before Justice Stewart, charged with criminal assault. District Attorney Ivanhoe represented the state and put several witnesses on the stand, including the prosecuting witness, Ruth Seale, who was 14 years of age May 11 last. The defendant was represented by Attorney Eugene Ashwill. The defense offered no testimony whatever and when the state rested its case, without argument and the

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Justice held Cunningham to appear in the sum of \$2000 to the circuit court. He made no effort to give bonds.
Earthquake in Germany.
 Plauen, Germany, Nov. 6.—A violent earthquake shock in the city today threw the people into a panic. The houses rocked and and everybody flocked to the streets.

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