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IS IT SOCIALISM OR CAESARISM?

(Springfield Republican, Ind.)

That Mr. Roosevelt intends to be the director of the democratic forces in America and also the active leader of American democracy in so far as it may become effective in organized political action must be clear to all who have considered carefully his recent utterances. The incipient Caesarism in the man, which casts a menacing shadow because of his extraordinary popularity and domineering temperament, may be ignored for the time being while his success in making good as "a very radical democrat" is studied. It is necessary to call forth attention, in this connection, to Mr. Roosevelt's rough attack upon the United States Supreme court, in an address before the Colorado legislature this week and to his advice to the people of New Mexico, and Arizona in the speech at Pueblo "to make their constitutions easy of amendment at any time when the people feel they should be amended." Both utterances were the reverse of conservative; indeed, they were the very essence of extreme Democratic radicalism. They would have shocked Alexander Hamilton immeasurably; John Marshall would have looked aghast. For the integrity and power of the judiciary, together with the constitutional obstacles placed in the way of ill-considered or hasty changes in fundamental law, were deemed absolutely essential to the stability of government by the conservative men whose influence was so potent in forming our written Federal Constitution and the constitution of the older states.

The Osawatimie speech, carefully written before Mr. Roosevelt left the East, is thoroughly in harmony with the extemporaneous utterances at Denver and Pueblo. It is impossible to conceive of a more radical speech, in relation to the interests of wealth, being delivered in this country at the present time by anyone outside of the Socialist party. Mr. Bryan has never surpassed it, in the reach of its suggestion, when attacking corporation abuses or the perils of plutocracy.

What is chiefly essential is to get a correct measure of the Roosevelt policies, not merely in themselves, but as incarnated in the man's own tendencies, personality and temper. There are many sincere devotees of democracy, even radical democracy, who fervently desire the attainment

of much the same end Mr. Roosevelt seems to, but who could not follow his leadership, fearing to receive finally from his hands not a democracy democratis to the core but a democracy at whose heart was enthroned a despot. As for the conservative people of this country, who have hitherto given Mr. Roosevelt their support at critical times, it is not without some slight sensation of the grim drollery of their position that one asks now how many more weeks like the past one they can endure and still reckon themselves among this man's followers.

ONE CAUSE FOR INS URGENCY.

No one who observes conditions at the present time can doubt for a moment that there is a wave sweeping over the country. This wave is called insurgency. It might have been called Populism, or any other name, but insurgency seemed to catch the ear so that is its title. Everything has a cause. Populism had its cause. Farmers were selling products very cheap, trusts were becoming rich and thereby arose a discontent over the land. Today everything is high, extremely high, especially farm products yet here is a discontent, and why?

There may be several reasons, but here is one of them: Many enterprises are over capitalized. Men are becoming wealthy in a way that is hardly fair. This causes not exactly a jealousy but an unrest. On every hand you find watered stock. A company is formed and immediately buys a public utility paying for it less than a million dollars. Bonds are issued for five or six million dollars, earning six per cent. The bonds are sold and a few members of the company amass fortunes almost in a night. They did not do it on actual values, but they did it by their wits and the water poured into their enterprise.

Those familiar with such transactions know they are not right. They realize that there is something out of alignment when watered stocks and bonds are sold to innocent purchasers at high prices. The wheel of discontent begins to move and out of it grows insurgency. Immediately after the wave starts, plenty of politicians are smart enough to ride it. Agitation is started in every part of the land and the country is plunged into a whirling mass of isms and fanatisms. Who is to blame? Is it not the men who are promoting companies by watering stock and inducing investors to bite of the sugar coated proposition offered?

This article does not emanate from the mind of an insurgent. Far from it, but it does come from one believes the system of handling the rich fakir is not complete by any means.

Oregon today is less affected by the insurgent movement of all the states. So far this year there seems to be a sameness that is admirable in this state. But, because our people have no desire to plunge the country into a panic and shake down the capital at Washington, as it were, do not think for a moment that this state endorses a lot of promoting that has been done and is being done at the present time. Natural resources here are used as capital stock of corporations that are bonded for five times their physical value. Is this right? Perhaps the commercial world might think so. Per-

haps Wall Street will take off its hat to the man who can float a proposition and make there million out of it. But the great mass of people who are not money mad do not think so, and sooner or later there is going to be a squeezing process enacted in the northwest that will open the eyes of eastern investors and make them realize too many institutions in which they are stock holders or bond holders are adding "all the traffic will stand" once too often.

Really the little fight between Osie West and Jeff Myers for the democratic gubernatorial nomination is interesting. Neither of these men seem to realize that with Chamberlain safely stored away in the United States senate republicans have absolutely nothing to fear in state politics. There is only one Chamberlain, but he is the greatest brainstorm ever but he is the greatest brainstorm to republicans that ever happened.

It is said that Col. Hofer is headed toward La Grande in his own buzz wagon, and on the sides of that buzz wagon pictures of the Colonel are cleverly posted. La Grande has stood high winds, deep snows and a touch of alleged local option, so she surely can stand a day or so of Col. E. Hofer. Whet up the spark plug and come on.

The filings made in Union county by both parties were not so bad. As usual the democrats did not have enough members to fill the ticket but that does not mean a great deal. What the democrats lacked good republicans will make up, so the county will be looked after.



C. A. BARRETT
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HENRY CALLED LIAR.

James J. Hill Answers Statements of Henry Yesterday Afternoon.

St. Paul, Sept. 10.—James J. Hill today called Francis J. Henry former graft prosecutor at San Francisco, the short ugly word on account of Henry's address before conservation congress yesterday. Hill said he wilfully falsified when he declared that the statements cannot be passed in "sl-

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lent contempt. Hill said: "Henry made statements so recklessly and maliciously that they must be answered. His statement that we secured western land has not got a rag of truth to clothe its nakedness, neither the Great Northern nor any one connected with it received a dollar or an acre from the federal government as Henry charged. He used the coward's favorite weapon, 'innuendo.'"

Dandruff Means Baldness.

Wise people say there is nothing sure in this world but death and taxes.

But that dandruff means baldness later on, is just as sure as either death or taxes, and every physician knows it.

Dandruff is caused by a germ—a vicious, persistent, tenacious germ—a vicious, persistent, tenacious germ—

Political Announcements

This column is open to any candidate regardless of Faction or Party and is paid advertising

S. F. WILSON, Athena, Oregon, candidate for joint senator for Umatilla, Union and Morrow counties subject to decision of republican primaries. "I firmly believe in the direct primary law, economy in the use of public funds, good roads, better schools, strict and prompt enforcement of law, the square deal and eternal progress of man and his institutions."

C. A. BARRETT, Athena, Oregon.—I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the nomination for joint senator for the district embracing Union, Umatilla and Morrow counties, subject to the choice of republican voters at the primary nominating election to be held on September 24th, 1910. If nominated and elected I will work for the interest of all the people of my district to the best of my ability. favor the maintenance of the direct primary law and people's choice for senator and believe the people are as competent to nominate as they are to elect their officers. Very respectfully yours,
C. A. BARRETT.

DR. C. T. BACON, La Grande, Oregon.—The Observer is authorized to announce the candidacy of Dr. C. T. Bacon for coroner of Union county, subject to the decision of the republican voters at the primary election

DR. CLYDE T. HOCKETT, Enterprise, Oregon.—I wish to announce my

candidacy for joint representative for the 24th representative district subject to the voters of the republican party at the primary nominating election to be held in said representative district, September 24, 1910. CLYDE T. HOCKETT.

An Open Letter—Rusk to Hockett.
Joseph, Oregon, Sept. 1, 1910.
To Dr. C. T. Hockett, Enterprise, Ore.

Dear Sir:
Inasmuch as you were a delegate to the late republican assembly at Portland, and as you state in your announcement for the republican nomination for joint representative, Union and Wallowa counties, that you favor holding assemblies in this state, I as a candidate against you and pledged to uphold the Primary Law, Statement No. 1, and opposed to assemblies, do hereby challenge you to publicly discuss the assembly proposition before the voters of our district, you may fix the times and places during the primary campaign and defend while I shall oppose the assembly scheme.

I also invite you to discuss adversely, if you please, my record last session or any part of it.

No "pussy footed" campaign for me. Let us see if the people deem themselves capable of choosing their own officials.

Respectfully,
JOHN P. RUSK.
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