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## HOW ABOUT MILWAUKEE?

A socialist speaker last night on the streets of La Grande denied the Observer's statement that any city which had adopted socialism had regretted its action and offered this paper a ten dollar bill to cite one instance. We do not want the orator's ten dollar bill but we respectfully call attention to a press dispatch of recent date sent out from Milwaukee. Here it is:

Milwaukee, Wis., Dec. 6.—The socialist administration here is suffering from the severest blow of its 18 months' life today as a result of the decision of the supreme court in declaring its choicest ideas illegal, throwing a number of its officials out of office and stopping the administration's efforts to collect a \$15 car license fee for ten years, from which it was expected to derive \$200,000. The city treasurer and city controller are in a predicament as they are probably personally responsible for the salaries paid the ousted officials, as well as the money spent under their direction.

## HAVE YOU THOUGHT IT OVER?

On Monday there will be a city election in La Grande at which a municipal administration will be chosen. It happens this year that the socialists as a political party met in convention and nominated a ticket. While we approve of this act of theirs in making a mass convention and making their nominations it is contrary to the Oregon system and is bound to be censured more or less by those who believe thoroughly in the system now in practice in this state.

This ticket is composed of socialists—men who will naturally follow closely the teachings of that doctrine. The independent ticket is headed by W. J. Church which ticket is opposed to socialism as a party and is opposed to

many of the principles which the socialist's advocate. The task for the voter at the election is a simple one—do you want socialism or do you not? If not, you must vote for the independent candidates, but if you want to put La Grande under socialist rule vote for Mr. Wines. The Observer contends that it will be a mistake to elect a socialist ticket in this city. The experience of other cities verify this claim, and La Grande should not stand before the world an admitted socialist community. The best interests of the city and of every property owner demands that socialism be defeated on Monday. You cannot afford to tread this experimental ground. Not at this time, at least.

Los Angeles defeated the same political party by a very, very large majority. Why? Because the city as a whole was entirely unwilling to take over what seems to be certain if socialism prevails—namely the odium of the business world, the army of unemployed who chose to be "unemployed" which army would immediately call the city its home that elects socialists to office.

## A WORLD GLIMPSE.

In general the world looks better, more peaceful this evening that it did a week ago. All things are not settled; some will possibly be in a condition of unrest when Gabriel blows his horn; but the world of restless people has made progress. One of the points where this is to be seen is in the matter of the Jew who is cursed by the rapid idler for the same reason the Chinese resident is cursed—simply because he attends to his own affairs and accumulates money instead of wasting it upon those who will not work. Were all the world Jews it would be better than it is at present. Russia has ever been a Jew-baiter. It is a crime in Russia to be born a descendant of Abraham. It is so diligently intolerant to him that even when an American citizen of that faith goes to visit the land of the white Tsar he is treated with indignity. This week Uncle Sam wrinkled his brow, stuck his chin whiskers out straight and "said things" to Mr. Russky. The gist of it is that an American is an American. If black, white, yellow, full blood or mongrel, he is of the blood royal and if interfered with to too great an extent, our good Uncle will send some of his puppies over there to bark at the doors of the vodka drinking country. Our sea dog leviathans of the deep were not made for ornament; the Oregon proved that under Capt. Clark once and is now ready for such another trip.

On a pension of 5,000 taels (\$3,000) the prince regent, father of the landless emperor of China, has been content to retire with his head and shoulders still connected, and will for the remainder of his days look for the regular remittance from the seat of the new government which is rumored to be at Nanking.

The two messages to congress contain texts enough to furnish lay and profane sermons for the sage administrators of national advice for the winter entertainment of them who have nothing to do better than to peruse the juicy columns of the congressional Record.

The grand jury mill at the court house, sifting testimony, grinding out indictments; the citizen committee-of-the-whole self-appointed for the banishment of lawlessness in its incipency, and the latest appeal of the strikers through the opera house meeting have been the items of local interest most noticeable. That honest wage earners should be under the fear of attack by any class of persons whatever and should feel the need of police

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Mayor Richardson's proclamation had the correct ring to it. There was an earnestness all the way through which shows the chief executive means just what he says. This insures to everyone the right to walk the streets of La Grande without being molested and of molestation does occur it will meet with speedy punishment. The boys within the yards, however, must bear in mind that this movement is no one sided affair and when they enter La Grande as citizens they must be men and not resort to any "rough stuff", either, for it will not be tolerated. A strikebreaker because of the fact he is a strikebreaker will not have a passport to do as he pleases unless he pleases to do right.

Fred Lockley of the Pacific Monthly has swallowed the Sunset magazine and hereafter the two magnificent publications will be merged as one. With Fred Lockley in charge of Sunset it will cease to be an "organ" of the railroads, a thing that has always handicapped the Sunset and caused people to lay it aside in the belief that it was printed solely to assist the transportation companies. While we never believed this was entirely true, yet the general public thought so which made the road just as hard to travel as though it had been a fact. Fred Lockley never ran an "organ" in his whole life. The independence of his nature is ever reflected by his pen and here is hoping he will make a million dollars out of the venture.

The acquittal of Mrs. Patterson in Denver, should have the effect of putting pepper into the defense of Mrs. Vermilya, in Chicago.

Thomas A. Edison has demonstrated to President Taft that by using his lat-

est invention, a combined moving picture machine and phonograph, he can address 60,000,000 persons without leaving Washington. The scheme is not likely to appeal to the president, however, for leaving Washington is one of the best things in his repertory.

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