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Homeopathic Remedy for Bolshevism. Out of Germany comes what a New York paper aptly calls a "homeopathic remedy" for Bolshevism. It is a strike of the "capitalistic class" against the "laboring class"; or in more approved Socialist terminology, a strike of the "bourgeoisie" against the "proletariat."

It happened in Dusseldorf. The Spartans, or German Bolsheviks, had started a reign of terror there, and threatened with their usual arrogance to "lie up everything." It looked bad for Dusseldorf. Then the leading business men of the city got together and decided to give the "Reds" a dose of their own medicine. The bankers, merchants, manufacturers, lawyers, doctors, public officials and school teachers all stopped work. They refused to open their offices or do any work. Immediately everything in the city had to shut down tight. There was no business transacted, public or private. Even the restaurants and theatres were closed. The stagnation was more complete than any the Spartans had been able to effect anywhere.

Result—The "Reds" yielded in short order, stopping their terrorism and resuming their usual places in the economic organization.

It was a spectacular demonstration of the fact, familiar to every level-headed man, but ignored by the radical Socialists, that the men who work with their hands are just exactly as necessary to the economic system as the men who work with their hands, and that "labor" cannot get along without "capital" any more than "capital" can get along without "labor."

Possibly this points the way to a real solution of the Bolshevik problem. Bolshevism or Spartacanism or I. W. W.-ism could hardly survive a similar demonstration anywhere. Why not apply the plan, as a curative object lesson, in any community where the situation gets bad enough to call for heroic remedies?

Ready for Peace-Time Drive.

The outstanding feature of the gathering of business men yesterday was the common feeling among all assembled that the time is ripe to begin local promotion work at the place where such activity was broken off by the world war. This is in reality what is now expressed by the comprehensive term "reconstruction." This covers a broad field of varied activities. The enforced attention to the great task of winning the war has side-tracked other effort, both individually and collectively.

It is now felt that the overshadowing task is so nearly finished that attention should be turned to home matters which are literally crowding for attention.

A start has been made. In a few days La Grande will hold an important meeting to see what is to be done in highway improvement. This is the most important of the "reconstruction" questions now before the people. The whole state is now practically reversed on the road proposition, and the clamor and enthusiasm for good roads is as strong now as was the opposition but a very short time back in the past.

There is nothing of this kind of community work that can be really accomplished in the right way without unity of purpose and determined effort. There are plenty of examples of what La Grande citizens have accomplished in the past through such

organizations as its Commercial club, and it is of that same kind of organization which will "put over" the things that are now to be done.

The weekly luncheon of the business men is also a great thing for community benefit. The old-time spirit is in evidence, and things are going to move.

Publicity for Child Conditions.

The first step in the back to school movement in every locality should be publicity. Not publicity with regard to the campaign alone, but with regard to the state and local legislation which either helps or hinders the movement.

Every man, woman and child in every state in the union should be made familiar with local school and child labor laws. The newspaper, the pulpit, the school and that great publicity medium, the moving picture screen, should all present frequently to the public what is being done to educate and protect its coming citizens.

If the laws are good but not enforced, not only a few welfare workers, educators and truant officers should know it, but every father and mother, every preacher, every voter in the community. If the laws are poor they should be treated to the same blaring publicity, as should those who oppose their betterment. In no department of human affairs is it truer that "men loved darkness better than light because their deeds were evil," than in the exploitation of the child in the ranks of labor before he is fitted for it by either bodily development or education.

YOUNSTERS KNEW WILSON

The President and Mrs. Wilson stole off by themselves one day in Paris to do a little shopping. On the floor they thought they would not be recognized. They lost their way. Wanting to remain unknown, they inquired of two ragged little "nannies," or street boys, if they could tell where the Rue de Rivoli was. Instantly the two small specimens came to the position of military salute and answered, "Oui, oui, Monsieur le President!" After giving the information the boys politely inquired in French, "Might one shake hands?" The President and Mrs. Wilson laughingly shook hands with them and wished them a happy new year.

INHERITANCE TAX HUGE ONE

From a single estate, that of the late Mrs. Mary Lily Bingham, the state of Kentucky will collect an inheritance of over \$4,500,000. This is enough to pay the entire state debt and leave a balance of more than \$1,000,000 in the state treasury. Mrs. Bingham, before her second marriage, was the widow of the Standard Oil millionaire, Henry M. Flagler who did much to build up the railroad and hotel systems of Florida. He left most of his property to her. Her estate has been valued for taxation at \$100,000,000, lacking a few thousands. Unlike most large estates this one proved to be larger than public reports had made it.

Observer advertising will bring results.

DEMANDING TRIAL OF KAISER

The demand for the trial of the kaiser is given new impetus by the production of one of the letters he wrote, and which is in his own handwriting. That letter is in the hands of the allies and is as follows: "My soul is torn, but everything must be put to fire and sword, men, women, children and old men must be slaughtered, and not a tree or house be left standing. With these methods of terrorism, which are alone capable of affecting a people as degenerate as the French, the war will be over in two months, whereas, if I admit humanitarian considerations, it will last years. In spite of my repugnance I have therefore been obliged to choose the former system."

Premier Clemenceau and Lloyd George hold that a criminal is a criminal, whether he be a private soldier, a military commander or a king, and is subject to the same code of laws. They do not believe there is "a divinity that doth hedge about a king." There has been nothing definite in the dispatches to indicate what the peace conference will do with the persistent demand for a trial of the kaiser.

OBITUARY

MADELEIN HILL WRIGHT

Died—At Denio, Oregon, Feb. 14, 1919, Madelein Hill Wright, beloved wife of Irwin D. Wright of Union, Oregon. Madelein Louise Hill was born at Bellingham, Wash., April 14th, 1892. She lived the greater part of her life at Union. She was married to Irwin D. Wright December 16, 1912. They spent four years in Estacada, Oregon, moving from there to Denio, the fall of 1917. She was a most lovable character, and leaves to mourn her loss, her husband, her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Hill and sister, Harriett, besides all who knew her.

The remains were brought to Union and laid to rest in the Union cemetery.

The funeral was held at home of Mrs. Belle Wright, Rev. Van Waters of the Episcopal church preached the sermon. The pall bearers were Len West, Pete Dickson, Kenneth McCormick, Clarence Irwin, Will Vogel and Ed Cline.

Fourth Liberty loan bonds are ready for delivery. United States National bank. 2-21-19

EVIDENCE IN THE CASE

Experience of one hundred men at age 25. Statistics show the following facts when they reach sixty-five: Thirty-six will be dead; One will be rich; Four will be wealthy; Five will still be supporting themselves by work; Fifty-four will be dependent upon friends, relatives, or charity.

More than 80 per cent of people who die leave nothing at all; 95 per cent leave less than \$1000, and only five per cent leave more than \$1000.

Eighty-seven and one-half per cent of all estates left for administration consist only of life insurance.

"The records of the surrogate's office of New York county, covering a period of five years, showed that the average number of deaths among adults for those years was 27,011."

Twenty-three thousand and fifty-one, or 85.3 per cent, left no estates. One thousand, one hundred seventy-one, or 4.3 per cent, left estates at \$200 to \$1000.

One thousand, four hundred twenty-eight, or 5.3 per cent, left estates at \$1000 to \$5000.

Four hundred seventy-five, or 1.8 per cent, left estates at \$5000 to \$10,000.

Four hundred ninety, or 1.8 per cent, left estates at \$10,000 to \$25,000.

Three hundred ninety-six, or 1.5 per cent, left estates at \$25,000 or more.

A similar investigation of the records of the probate court of Allegheny county, including the city of Pittsburgh, gave almost identical results.

Eighty-five per cent left no estate. Ninety per cent left less than \$1000. Ninety-five per cent left less than \$5000.

The field of the uninsured is still very large and there is no lack of material for the life insurance agent. Take this whole country over and no doubt the uninsured outnumber the insured, notwithstanding the fact that it is universally admitted that everyone should carry some life insurance.

MONEY TO LOAN. On improved real property in Union county. No delays. Current rates. La Grande Investment Co. 1-20-19

ELIHU KNOX SPAIN

Elihu Knox Spain was born March 5, 1856 in Iroquois county, Illinois. He died in Union, Oregon, Feb. 16, 1919, age 62 years, 11 months and 11 days.

Left an orphan at an early age, his father dying in the Civil war, he was raised by an uncle, Mr. Joseph Belt in Illinois, who still lives.

In 1875 he was married to Josie Spray, to this union six children were born, two dying in infancy, those surviving are, Arch C. of North Powder, Fred E. and John A. of Union and Charles S. of Homestead, Oregon.

He came to Oregon in 1879 and settled in the Willamette valley, then in 1880 he moved to a farm near Pendleton. In 1882 he came to Union.

He crossed the plains to Schuyler, Nebraska, in 1883, where his wife died in March 27, 1885. After the death of his wife he returned to Union. In 1891 he was married to Alma Spray, to this union four children were born, Mrs. Ruth Turner of Arbon, Idaho; Mrs. Mabel Bauehet of Portland, Misses Rose Spain of Portland and Maude Spain of Union.

In 1911 he moved to British Columbia, but again returned to Union in 1914.

He united with the Methodist church of Union in 1915, and was formerly a member of the Christian church.

For six years Mr. Spain, was in poor health, in spite of paralysis gradually sapping strength and stopping an active career, he had a cheery word for his many friends, and since his joining the church and while confined at home he tried to do the work of an evangelist with those with whom he came in contact. He died in the faith of the Savior.

The remains were shipped to Schuyler, Neb., to be laid by the side of his first wife and was accompanied by his sons, John and Fred Spain.

Developing and printing of films and enlarging of pictures in the kodak department at Silverthorn's keep them busy. 2-20-19

A classified ad will bring results.

ZIP Cleans your Furnace Stove or Chimney. To get the most heat from your Furnace use ZIP. 25¢ a Package. At All Grocery, Hardware and Department Stores.

MEN! We've just received some new Bates street silk shirts. These are all in striped patterns of various colors. Come in and see them. \$7.50 \$9 AND \$10 JOHN B. STETSON HATS. You men who think twice about the style of your hats will find solid satisfaction in having this complete line of Stetsons to select from. Then, too, there's the matter of quality, which everyone considers. It pays to spend a little more and get a really good hat. Stetson quality means that your hat will hold its shape, style and color. STETSONS FOR SPRING. Come in and see them. Style-plus Clothes. This line is a new one in La Grande, although it is one of the most popular among the young men. We have some of the new spring Style-plus suits in now and we invite your inspection of these—PRICES \$35 AND \$40. N.W. West & Co. THE QUALITY STORE.

EVEN SO.... It is still the cheapest service in existence. Home Independent Telephone Co. OBSERVER ADVERTISING will bring results.

The Same Old Story. The majority of our patrons tell an unvarying story of satisfaction regarding our banking accommodations. And this impels us to suggest that you also would be pleased with our service. Accuracy and promptness, safety and liberality are the marked features of our business: We Invite You to Try Us. LA GRANDE NATIONAL BANK. Member Federal Reserve System.

Where Are My Reading Glasses? Mischievous daughter has picked Daddy's pocket and watches him gleefully as he searches in vain for his reading glasses. If Daddy wore Kryptok Glasses, he would be freed from the "off-and-on" nuisance of the two pairs of glasses bother, because Kryptoks (pronounced Crip-toks) would give him, in one pair of glasses, the necessary correction for both reading and distance. KRYPTOK GLASSES THE INVISIBLE BIFOCALS. give him this inconvenience without that drawback of other bifocals—the conspicuous age-revealing seam or hump. They are crystal clear—their surfaces smooth and even. They cannot be distinguished from single-vision lenses. That's why Kryptoks are called "the invisible bifocals." We are competent to meet the optical needs and tastes of the most exacting patron. Call at your convenience. J. H. Peare & Son OPTOMETRISTS AND JEWELERS LA GRANDE, OREGON

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