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Progress of Rational Socialism.

The only part of the plans of Socialism that will succeed is that which drops its general antagonism to the public and its howls against conditions which do not exist. The frightful propaganda which insists that a portion of humanity is ready to eat up the balance of mankind and that the victims are being slowly starved and bled white does not pan out with the facts.

The morose and gloomy side of Socialism cannot under the conditions which prevail in the United States be accepted as true, and in fact this is propagated only through a darkness of understanding which develops in the fraternal exclusiveness of the morbid objectors. Nearly all Socialist "locals" are hard-luck clubs and its "comrades" down-and-outers, from the general surface view of things and the way they tell it themselves.

But the situation is not altogether without a chance for brighter days. The American Socialist party, having already lost its more level-headed members as a result of its pro-German attitude during the war, is now in process of dividing, more or less violently, into two factions called the "left wing" and "right wing." The former term signifies the more radical group and the latter the more conservative. And unfortunately for the Socialist party, and probably for the country, too, the "left wing" seems to be gaining strength.

Wherever the Socialists have succeeded it is because they did not scare or antagonize the general public, and because they attempted no ill-timed "revolution," but fitted their reforms one by one, easily and naturally, to the existing system, until that system itself, little by little, was transformed. It is in this way that whatever is worth while in Socialism will succeed, if it ever succeeds. And this fact the radicals ignore, to their country's annoyance and to the annoyance of all upon whom they attempt to foist their vagaries.

Two Measures Need Attention.

At the special election to be held on June 30 there are two measures which will need the endorsement of the voters of Union county if any progress is to be made in the way of good roads. One of the measures is that for the one mill tax for what is designated as "market roads" and the other pertains to the 6 per cent limitation.

The needs of funds for market roads is to improve the "feeder" roads to the main highways. This bill was introduced by Senator Pierce and meets with the endorsement of the public-spirited residents of Oregon.

It is necessary to vote on the six per cent proposition in order that Union county may be in position to carry out the good roads program, as at present outlined.

In the localities of the state where a test vote has been taken on the good roads proposition the rural advocates have been endorsed by nearly a solid vote. Union county led off with the adoption of a bonding proposition by about a 90 per cent affirmative vote. Sherman county has just voted on a \$200,000 road plan so nearly unanimous that the opposition is well classed as "negligible." The negative vote in the whole county totaling but

ments reaching the enormous total of \$75,000,000 have been authorized or are now in process of authorization. According to a compilation of estimates made by the United States department of labor through its division of public works and construction, development, information, and education service, eighteen states, some of which hitherto have given little attention to the development of adequate roads are now interested in starting extensive work. The contemplated bond issues are distributed as follows: Arkansas, \$15,000,000; Colorado, \$20,000,000; Georgia, \$40,000,000; Illinois, \$60,000,000; Kansas, \$50,000,000; Michigan, \$50,000,000; Minnesota, \$100,000,000; Missouri, \$60,000,000; Montana, \$15,000,000; North Carolina, \$25,000,000; Oklahoma, \$50,000,000; South Carolina, \$25,000,000; Tennessee, \$40,000,000; Texas, \$75,000,000; Washington, \$30,000,000; West Virginia, \$50,000,000.

There is also available about \$550,000,000 combined federal and state aid funds, in addition to the bond issues. This great national movement to build highways on a scale never before contemplated will start many county and municipal projects, since feeder roads to connect with trunk lines naturally will follow as a result of the main enterprises involving an expenditure of many millions.

A Man With a Concrete Plan.

There is one man who, however he may feel the importance of questions now pressing in Europe, has allowed neither his anxiety nor his curiosity to interfere with faithful attention to his job at home. That man is Franklin K. Lane.

Mr. Lane has been perfecting his scheme for soldier farms, and has a plain, practical, workable outline. Included in the plan for furnishing the land is a provision for the first necessary buildings and for breaking enough land to enable the man to start his planting at once without the discouraging delays incident to most pioneer farming. After the first start the work is up to the man himself. The repayment demanded is for the buildings and the cost of getting the land ready, and that on long time and easy installments.

There should be no objection to Mr. Lane's plan. He contemplates purchasing land in every part of the country, so he is entirely free from the suspicion of regional favoritism. He has recognized the crying necessity for providing real opportunities for the men returning from Europe. He proposes turning to productiveness great areas now unproductive because they are too wet or too dry or need clearing. And more than all, he has formed a concrete plan of campaign.

We have had so much of high-flown declamation, and so little constructive suggestion, that when a man presents a living cause and a practical plan together he deserves support.

PREPARING HISTORY OF OREGON UNITS

Preliminary Work is in Charge of State Historian Cornelia Marvin Who is State Librarian

SALEM, April 10.—The war history of Oregon, as written in deeds of valor by men in the service overseas, in sacrifices by soldiers in camps on this side of the water, and in personal endeavor by those outside the ranks who helped "carry on" to the best of their ability at home, will be preserved in the state archives through the efforts of State Historian Cornelia Marvin, Miss Marvin, who also is state librarian, is pushing the work energetically in every county of Oregon and has named county historians in posing the tremendous amount of data required.

Thus far, the only war history of an Oregon overseas unit, actually on hand, is that of the 147th Field Artillery, complete by January 1919.

Some of the units are planning to publish their own histories. The state historian now is making a state wide drive for records, and is securing many interesting returns.

A list of 31,000 names of men, who represented Oregon in the military service during the war, is said to be available through the records of various agencies. The Adjutant General has the names of 5,422 men of the Oregon National Guard which was drafted as an organization, there is a list of 7,328 volunteers taken from the records of the army recruiting office at Portland; the record of 15,000 drafted men is available from draft boxes of the state, navy and marine recruiting officers will furnish over four thousand more names.

The war records desired are divided into seven sorts by the state historian. In the first division are men in military service, their biographies, with records of enlistments, inductions, service, casualties, commendations and special honors, supplemented by letters, diaries, newspaper notices and accounts and photographed relics. The second division covers personal service of their agencies, such as Y. M. C. A., K. C. etc.

In the third division are listed local war activities, such as drives and liberty loan campaigns and service on the food or fuel administration, councils of defense, farm labor committees, medical or dental aid, repression or enemy plots, pacifism and I. W. W. activities, registration and exemption boards and Belgian or French relief committees.

The fourth division of records will comprise state agencies and federal agencies in the state, including proclamations by the governor, legislative acts, state officials for governmental war service, liberty bonds, war savings, and four minute men.

War sermons, war gardens, war labor conditions, local price changes and food conditions, education history and war literature are listed in other divisions.

COUNTY COURT PROCEEDINGS

In the matter of the allowance of bills.

- Allowed as follows:
- M. L. Carter, grand juror... \$ 18.90
 - J. P. Young, grand juror... 22.70
 - W. J. Saling, grand juror... 18.70
 - Raymond McKennon, grand juror... 17.50
 - Frank Ross, grand juror... 20.70
 - D. S. Kent, grand juror... 19.10
 - B. G. Fritts, grand juror... 16.70
 - L. H. Russell, special juror... 3.20
 - Fred Gaskill, special juror... 3.20
 - L. L. McKennon, special juror... 3.20
 - Franklin Zarbrink, special juror... 3.20
 - H. P. Lewis, special juror... 3.20
 - J. A. Baker, special juror... 3.20
 - George Baker, special juror... 3.20
 - N. H. Anson, special juror... 3.20
 - William Crandall, special juror... 3.20
 - Don Turner, special juror... 3.20
 - Dan Wilson, special juror... 3.20
 - J. H. Childs, special juror... 3.20
 - L. P. Derby, grand jury witness... 5.20
 - Beulah B. Blacker, grand jury witness... 5.20
 - Marjorie McIntyre, grand jury witness... 5.20
 - Dora J. Underwood, grand jury witness... 2.20
 - George J. Turnbull, grand jury witness... 5.20
 - Annie H. Beebe, grand jury witness... 2.20
 - Eather H. Beebe, grand jury witness... 2.20
 - Victor H. Knapp, grand jury witness... 2.20
 - Mary Rumelhart, grand jury witness... 2.20
 - Alvin J. Austin, grand jury witness... 6.80
 - James Joseph Powers, grand jury witness... 2.20
 - Lucius A. Wright, grand jury witness... 5.20
 - George W. Marshall, grand jury witness... 4.50
 - Julia Marvin, grand jury witness... 2.20
 - Walter M. Pierce, grand jury witness... 3.20
 - George Barbones, grand jury witness... 3.20
 - George A. Pierce, grand jury witness... 2.20
 - J. C. Christiansen, grand jury witness... 2.20

- WITNESSES
- Roy Flexer, grand jury witness... 4.40
- D. A. Van Houten, grand jury witness... 4.40
- J. E. Anderson, grand jury witness... 5.20
- Lena Beck, grand jury witness... 5.20
- C. A. Gale, grand jury witness... 5.20
- Lucinda B. Willis, grand jury witness... 4.40
- D. D. Mitchell, grand jury witness... 2.20
- J. L. Smith, grand jury witness... 2.20
- Chris Stackland, grand jury witness... 5.40
- B. F. Blalock, grand jury witness... 5.20
- Map Atteberry, grand jury witness... 5.20
- Lillie Murphy, grand jury witness... 5.20
- J. E. Stengis, grand jury witness... 2.20
- John Flanery, grand jury witness... 2.20
- Eva Flanery, grand jury witness... 2.20
- Nellie Jackson, grand jury witness... 2.20
- Doris Jackson, grand jury witness... 2.20
- E. G. Kirby, grand jury witness... 7.20
- J. L. Alford, grand jury witness... 2.20
- H. C. Rees, grand jury witness... 2.20
- E. Thomas, grand jury witness... 2.20
- H. H. Hug, grand jury witness... 2.20
- Roy Johnson, grand jury witness... 2.20
- Echo Buck, grand jury witness... 2.20
- T. S. Cover, grand jury witness... 2.20
- I. O. Cover, grand jury witness... 2.20
- Bertrice Halford, grand jury witness... 2.20
- Earl F. Halford, grand jury witness... 2.20
- Harry C. Murphy, grand jury witness... 4.40
- E. A. Wills, grand jury witness... 4.20
- Gilbert Zeigler, grand jury witness... 4.20
- R. U. Spaulding, grand jury witness... 22.00
- J. H. Keeney, grand jury witness... 4.40
- Albert Armistead, grand jury witness... 2.20
- W. R. Kivette, grand jury witness... 2.20
- W. E. Lewis, grand jury witness... 2.20
- Chas. F. Roberts, grand jury witness... 2.20
- L. L. Sherman, grand jury witness... 2.20
- Guy W. Spencer, grand jury witness... 2.20
- F. S. Slater, grand jury witness... 5.20

WEDISH LABOR
WANTS 8-HOUR DAY
 STOCKHOLM.—(By Mail)—An 8-hour day for all classes of labor is a bill read in by the Swedish Parliament. Special legislation will be necessary for agriculture and for workers in mines. The bill, if passed, will come into force Jan. 1, 1920, and classifies labor as follows:
 The immediate effect of the proposed bill is an enormous fall in the price of stocks, as manufacturers are that what was now being paid will be impossible for Swedish factories to continue production. These manufacturers have decided to close down their works on April 15th, others are contemplating similar measures which by the spring will send hundreds of thousands of workers out of employment. The economic and political problem is considered very pessimistic in order to avoid placing the burden on the unemployment of laborer on the government. The government is seriously considering the prohibition of imports of certain articles until industry assumes a more normal condition. Among the first articles mentioned to be barred from import are American iron and soap.

ANADIAN PRIVATES RETURN WITH MONEY

WINNIPEG, Man., April 10.—Canadian privates are returning from Europe with considerable money, while many officers are reaching their homes practically penniless, according to provincial officials. Most of the soldiers had approximately \$500 to their credit when they left England, only a portion of the amount being given to them before departure. The privates spent a tart, green salad jelly. Jiffy-Jell desserts are flavored with fruit-juice essences, highly condensed, sealed in glass. Each dessert tastes like a fresh-fruit dainty—and it is. You will change from old-style gelatine dainties when you once try Jiffy-Jell. Millions have changed already. Order from your grocer now.

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