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Coming Attractions.

January 8-10 "Are You Crazy?"

THE TRIBUNE CARTOONS.

The Tribune has added another feature to the attractiveness of its columns—a series of cartoons of prominent men of Medford.

These cartoons are from the talented pen of Mr. D. Klum and mark his first attempt at such work.

When it is considered that Mr. Klum is practically self-taught, without the advantage of artistic training, his results are proof enough of his natural ability.

A programme of improvement, of which this is one feature, has been outlined for the Tribune the coming year.

Get in line and help the Tribune help you by your patronage, which it will merit.

GREAT PRIZE CONTEST.

Tomorrow the Tribune will announce details of the greatest prize contest ever pulled off in Southern Oregon.

It will be a voting contest in which every woman is eligible as a candidate, except those working for the paper.

Before the present owners took charge of the Tribune, a farcical piano contest was inaugurated by the previous manager, who left scanty notes for parts unknown.

CURE IS FOUND AT LAST FOR SPINAL MENINGITIS

From reports spread broadcast by enthusiastic medical men after hearing the report read last week by Dr. Simon Flexner, head of the Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research, before the Academy of Physicians at New York, it would appear that cerebrospinal meningitis has been conquered.

The definite causes of the disease are unknown, but its ravages usually prove fatal in several epidemics the mortality rate being as high as 95 per cent.

At Christian Church.

Sunday, January 6, all the services were very well attended at the Christian church. The bible school is making a steady, normal growth.

The theme Sunday morning was, "A Scriptural View of Faith." It was replete with scriptural references. The subject discussed Sunday evening was the first of a series of studies in the life of Jesus of Nazareth.

J. E. (Moss) Berkefeld states that there has been rumors afloat that he was not a candidate in the second ward for councilman and that he had "moved from the ward." This is a mistake.

SCIENTIFIC SOCIALISM.

Father Gregory Discourses on Topic, Answers Arguments and Gives Evidence for Christian Faith.

The following letter from Father Gregory is reprinted at the request of several subscribers. It answers many Socialist arguments from the church standpoint, and was originally printed in The Oregonian.

To the Editor: The reply to the critics of my lecture on Socialism, as it was recently reported in The Oregonian, shall simply be a reassertion in toto of my statements. I will, however, add the evidences of my assertions.

The enlightened public will be able to judge for itself. My information on the Socialist question is taken from the founders of scientific Socialism and also from the platform of Socialist conventions. I did not talk about the chimera and fancies of every clamorous reformer. I am ignorant of these, and luckily so. My critics have proven nothing to invalidate my statements.

My topic was, and is, "Scientific Socialism," as taught in part by Engels, Lassalle, K. Marx, Liebknecht, Bebel, Heine, Bernstein and other framers and leaders of Socialistic thought and action. I shall now adduce proofs of my various assertions as they appeared in The Oregonian. I simply will quote the Socialist leaders and platforms. "Everybody admits that K. Marx and the others mentioned above are the real founders of modern scientific Socialism, of which I speak. The most of these men are still alive. Another fact is that chiefly the proletariat, the floating population, is in favor of this new system of economics. Property-owners and the leading men of thought eschew Socialism."

Revolutionary Agitation.

When I said that Socialism means simply a revolutionary agitation against capital, and that those unrestrained by religion look with a greedy eye at the sacking of the treasury, I knew what I said, and was justified in making that statement, and here repeat it. Fortunately, the leading champions of Socialism have time and again advocated and insisted upon revolution. Let us hear K. Marx and Engels: "Our purpose can be attained only by a violent subversion of the existing order. Let the ruling classes tremble at the communist revolution."

At the congress at The Hague, 1872, K. Marx declared: "In most countries of Europe violence must be the lever of our social reform. We must have recourse to violence in order to establish the rule of labor. The revolution must be universal, and we find a conspicuous example in the commune of Paris." These words need no comment. "These events and occurrences at Paris," Bebel says, "are but a slight skirmish in the war which the proletariat is prepared to wage against all powers." In Bebel's work, "Unsere Ziele," page 44, we find him saying: "We must not shudder at the thought of the possible employment of violence. Violence is in itself a social factor. Violence is the obstetrician that waits on every ancient city which is about to give birth to a new one."

Programme of Revolt.

The Socialistic convention of Ghent ended with this thought of Liebknecht: "The army will, after all, consist of sons of the people whom by our revolutionary propaganda we are gaining. When the time shall have arrived, rifles and cannons will face about to prostrate the foes of the Socialists."

"The platform upon which we stand is the first utterance upon the subject of international Socialism. There is not a line, not a word in that platform which is not revolutionary." These are the words of our American Socialist leader and candidate, E. V. Debs.

Is this not ruinous to society, subversion of order and destruction of that brotherly love in behalf of which Socialists shout so vociferously?

State Ownership Taught.

The various Socialist platforms have always asserted their strict adherence to the principles of international Socialism as taught by K. Marx, etc. The Socialist party convention at Indianapolis made this part of their programme. The nationalization of all private property is the first and basic belief and aim of all scientific Socialists. In one of the letters which appeared in The Oregonian as a reply to my lecture, this was faithfully admitted.

Let us hear some authorities. The platform of our Socialist party, 1901, asserts: "Our purpose is the transferring of the present system of private ownership, of the means of production, public utilities, transportation, etc., into the collective ownership of the entire people." In fact, all the Socialists' conventions demand this. "One fundamental declaration is that private property is the national source of production is the obvious cause of all economic servitude and political dependence." "The state has no right to divest itself of the right to grant private ownership. At the conventions at Erfurt, Gotha and Stuttgart, this was the fundamental principle and thought as Marx had taught."

Denies Personal God.

That Socialism denies the existence of a personal god and the spirit world is evident from one of the Socialist letters that appeared in last Tuesday's Oregonian.

"Beyond nature and man there is nothing, and those higher beings cre-

ated by our religious fancy are but the fantastic reflections of our own being." These are Feuerbach's words and teaching, which K. Marx embodied in his work, "The Holy Family." Engels says: "Beyond nature and man there is nothing." There is no God, no creator, no redeemer, no angels nor devils. These are leading thoughts of the founders of Socialism and are embodied in Socialistic text books. Karl Marx, Liebknecht and many others religiously believe that we are all descendants of the ape.

"Religion is an illusory sun." "The abolition of a religion as the depressive happiness of the people is a necessary condition for their true happiness." "Socialism and belief in God as it is taught by Christianity and its adherents are incompatible. Socialism has no meaning unless it is atheistic."—K. Marx. This proves that my strictures upon Socialism, being atheistic and unorthodox in principle and tendency, were justified.

Family Idea Destroyed.

The Christian idea of the family is destroyed and this society is mentioned in its principal foundation. Bebel says: "If a wife find it burdensome to live with a companion she is free to enter into a new alliance, for equal rights and privileges are hers."

The human instincts and passions must be gratified, say the Socialist leaders, Bebel and others. Here we have unvarnished free love.

I have now in part adduced proofs of my assertions and have not troubled at large. Socialism therefore consists what I have said—a system of calumnial deception and absurdity. It is merely visionary and entirely impracticable. Socialism bears within itself the germ of a speedy disintegration, being full of contradiction. Admitting amongst its leaders and file are cropping out vehemently. It arrests the individual initiative and sets a premium on idleness, giving equal privileges, rights and duties to all whose wants must be supplied by the state. It aims all prosperity in the hand. It holds as a principle that woman may give her love to whom she pleases and as long as she pleases, and thus destroys the family and is ruinous to society.

Live in Holy Obedience.

If Socialists say that religious communities are communistic and succeed so well, why shall we not imitate them? I answer: Religious communities live thus in holy obedience for the love of God and in hope of heavenly reward, in which no scientific Socialist believes or cares much for. The only happiness

man can have, they say, is the enjoyment of this life. Bebel, the Socialist leader, says: "We defy all authority in heaven and on earth." Bebel would make a poor monk. Religions give up the right of possession of their own free will. Would the good Socialists now talking so much give up their goods to the needy?

I wish to state that I will not answer any more vagaries or criticisms concerning the above topic either in the public press or on any platform. I have proven my statements from the Socialist authorities and only repeated and then deducted what the Socialists themselves assert. I do not seek for any notoriety, nor shall I serve as a means to bring others into publicity. If any Socialist is sincere and wants to know more about this impracticable system he will find me at my residence. With all will to peace and love towards all.

FATHER GREGORY.

M. Dillon, who recently sold his farm three miles east of Medford and had a public sale January 2, has moved his family and household goods into Medford and will make Medford his future home.

Arthur Jones of Bangor, Or., was in Medford Monday, transacting business.

TIME TABLES

Table with columns for Railway (Southern Pacific, Pacific & Eastern, Rogue River Valley), Direction (Northbound, Southbound), Train No., and Time.

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PARTIAL LIST OF BLANKS. Table listing various legal forms such as Warranty Deed, Real Estate, Miscellaneous, Mining, Justice of Peace, Circuit Court, and Sheriff Blanks.

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NEW YEAR'S EVE. Illustration of a person holding a banner.

RANCHES FOR RENT. Grain Alfalfa and Stock Ranches. DR. C. R. RAY, Medford, Or.

For City Recorder. Benj. M. Collins INCUMBENT. Candidate for ReElection. Competent, faithful, honest. His record speaks for itself.

NOTICE. Is hereby given that the undersigned will apply to the city council of Medford, Or., at its next meeting to be held January 7, 1905, for a license to sell malt, vinous and spirituous liquors in less quantities than a gallon, for a period of six months, at my place of business at lot 14, block 20, Medford, Or. C. M. GIPSON. Dated December 28, 1904. 246