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MESERVE TO THE RESCUE.

Because the press of the state, with the exception of a few nerveless newspapers, has seen fit to criticize the prosecution in the Putnam libel case as an attack upon the liberty of the press, Charles Meserve of Grants Pass has rushed to the rescue in a communication over a column of solid agate in length in the Portland Oregonian of January 27, in which the court, the grand jury and the district attorney are defended and Mr. Putnam defamed.

Throughout the wof and the warp of this belabored epistle runs the black thread of falsehood. Ignorant of the facts in the case, ignorant of the events leading up to the trial and ignorant of the trial itself, Mr. Meserve has drawn freely upon gossip, prejudice, slander and malice to supply the fabrics for this tangled tissue of reiterated fabrications.

The Oregonian completely answers Mr. Meserve's fifteen hundred words in fifteen lines. The Tribune could reply by pointing out fifteen lies in as many paragraphs, but Mr. Meserve is not taken seriously enough, even by the people of his own town, to merit the space. The supreme court will soon pass upon the legal points at issue and settle them. The Tribune has printed no comment of its own upon the trial. It has merely reprinted editorials from the unprejudiced press of the state. Mr. Putnam is not the Oregonian correspondent at Medford and he sent that paper no report of the trial. The other lies do not merit reply.

Who is Charles Meserve? He edits a country weekly in the city of Grants Pass. Judged by his own work, he is a newspaper anaemic—one of those for whom Tom Lawson coined the phrase, "gelatine-spined shrimps." His sheet is so colorless and has so little standing, even in its own community, that Mr. Meserve, in order to get anything before the public, has to write it in the form of letters to other papers. So, by acting as tick-spittle to officials, he manages once in a while to attract attention.

OREGON WINE IS NEXT ON LIST OF PRODUCTS

Under the heading, "A New Tokay District," the Chicago Packer, in its issue of January 18, has this to say of the outlook for grape culture in the Rogue River valley in Oregon:

"The year just closed marked an epoch of great horticultural advancement for the Rogue River valley.

"In no branch of horticulture are prospects brighter than in raising grapes. The peculiar soil and the hills of Southern Oregon has been found best adapted to the Tokay grape, imparting to it an exceptionally high color and fine flavor. These Oregon Tokays, grown as they are without irrigation, command from 15 to 25 cents more per crate than do the California Tokays, grown under irrigation.

"One cannot stop long in this country full of grape enthusiasts without becoming an enthusiast himself, and the Packer says was no exception to this rule.

"First, he saw the grapes and they looked good, then he tasted them and they tasted good; then they told him that the average returns from mature vines were from \$300 to \$500 per acre.

"Thinking that he was from Missouri and had to be 'showed,' they produced the following affidavits, subscribed and sworn to by eight growers and business men before a notary public:

"We, the undersigned, do hereby swear that we believe the statements herein are true, namely:

"That lands can be bought, cleared and planted to grapes and vines for six years for \$125 per acre, and if properly cared for, would produce at least \$40 per acre the third year, \$80 the fourth year, \$100 the fifth year, \$250 the sixth year and \$500 or more per acre each year thereafter for an unlimited number of years. And we further believe that the vineyard would be worth \$2500 per acre at the end of that time."

FIRST MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL TONIGHT

There will be a council meeting Thursday night, the first regular meeting of the new council, with the mayor and all the members present. There are a great many things to be considered by the new council, and the people in general are looking forward with a great deal of interest to see what their actions will be.

TRIAL JURY EXCUSED UNTIL MARCH TERM

The grand jury has adjourned until Saturday, at which time the court will hear default matters that may come before it. The trial jury has been excused, there being no more jury work until the March term.

SOCIALISM DUE TO UNIONS TRADE

Reply to Article Stating That Labor Opposed Movement—In Europe Labor Movement Is Socialism—Arguments Advanced Against Capitalism.

Editor Tribune: I have just read another article on Socialism, purporting to be an answer to my article of recent date. F. A. S. says the statement was made that Socialism represents the interest of the working class as a whole. He says if this is true, why is it that the labor unions have turned the cold shoulder to its insidious advances. If F. A. S. knows anything about the labor movement he will have to admit that the labor unions have been the very generators of the Socialist doctrine.

All the labor unions, with few exceptions, up till the time of the organization of the A. F. of L., were avowedly Socialistic, and the unions of the European countries are very near all directly affiliated with the Socialists. In England the unions and Socialists have organized a labor representation committee, and have elected 56 members of the house of parliament. Even the conservative A. F. of L. is honeycombed with Socialism here in the United States. I could name dozens of trade unions which have endorsed Socialism, especially among the more skilled mechanics. But enough of this.

What Socialism Represents. The Socialist movement does not aim to steal the glory away from the trade unions, of representing the working class. The unions represent the workers on the economic field and the Socialist party represents the same interest on the political field. The trade unions and Socialism were both born of the same mother—Capitalism. They are both founded on the same set of principles, i. e., that labor, mental and physical, creates the wealth of the world, and that labor is entitled to its product.

F. A. S. says farmers are not Socialists. I wish to contradict him there. The new state of Oklahoma has the largest circulation of Socialist papers and the largest number of Socialist party members of any state in the union, and it is purely a farming country. Farmers who understand Socialism are not afraid of losing their little farm. A farmer owns a farm for what he can get out of it. If he finds that he can get more of the product of his labor by not owning it he will not have to be told to give it up.

Will Not Lose Property. But the government, under Socialism, does not aim to force him to give up the farm which he works any more than the present government forces you to send your mail through the United States postoffice. You can send it by mail if you wish.

In regard to the statement that I made, that the workers are compelled to sell themselves piecemeal to the private owners of means of life, he says we are not explicit enough; that we don't state who it is that is taking the advantage. I want to say that all who buy labor power at a price determined by the number of men offering themselves for sale are equally guilty. The more men on the labor market the less the wages will be. This is the iron law of wages.

Before capital could accumulate or even operate, there had to be found ready at hand plenty of serfs or slaves exiled off at the head of their birth and compelled by necessity to sell themselves to a new set of masters, bourgeois or middlemen, and today as the modern capitalist. The southern black man could never have been made a wageworker had he not first been made a slave. It is the same with the white man.

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Old Stock Argument.

F. A. S. says that if the state took everything it would take our little all as well as that of the capitalist. This is one of the stock arguments against what some infer to be the aim of Socialism. It is equivalent to saying that we want to abolish all private property. There is no need for us to advocate such, for private property is already abolished, so far as the great mass of the people is concerned; and it is only by the introduction of Socialism that the masses can ever hope to own any private property. He says that it is impossible for a christian to be a Socialist, and that the christians uphold the ownership of property.

It is no doubt true that the church upholds the present system of private ownership of the means of life; but the early christian movement taught and practiced the ownership of all things in common for 500 years, up till the time of the Roman Emperor, Constantine, who adopted the christian religion in order to control it.

About Woman's Estate.

In regard to the christians protecting woman's estate, I am glad to hear that they do; but I am afraid they have a big job on their hands as long as the present system remains, with 500,000 public prostitutes, not to speak of those who are not known. Socialism would abolish this state of affairs by making it possible for all to make a living at honorable employment. It is a known fact that crime and prostitution increases with the uncertainty of making a living.

In regard to the mutual consent plan of marriage, I defy F. A. S. to produce any evidence of any sort that will go to show that Socialism advocates any such proposition. We have nothing to do with the marriage relations; that is a private matter and does not come under the domain of political science. It is true that the Russian was a body to represent the whole people. But it was dissolved because the social democrats were in the majority, and the suffrage has twice been restricted in order to prevent the working class from electing their candidates. It is a wonder that F. A. S. has not accepted my challenge to debate. What a splendid opportunity he is missing to show the people of Medford what a terrible doctrine Socialism is.

J. W. WILSON,

Medford, Or.

SHORTY GARNETT HONORED BY HARDWARE DEALERS

H. C. Garnett arrived home from Portland Tuesday. Mr. Garnett had the honor of being elected vice-president of the Retail Hardware and Implement Dealers' Association of Oregon. Medford people should be proud that one of her business men had that distinction shown him. There were five business men in Medford who attended the meeting.

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The State Normal School at Ashland is enjoying the largest appropriation of state funds ever granted a Normal school in the history of Oregon. Catalogues sent on application to the President.

Buy Tickets by Wire.

Something which is of considerable interest to the public generally and which is perhaps not generally known is the system of prepaid orders now in effect between stations of the Southern Pacific company and all points in the United States. By means of this system tickets may be purchased at Medford from any place in the United States and mailed or telegraphed direct to the party wishing to come here. Sleeper accommodations and small amounts of cash in connection with these tickets may also be furnished at the same time.

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Deviled Ham and Relishes. I was at a party the other night and a lot of young girls were gazing an old bachelor and asking him why he'd never married, etc. He sprang those old gags about 'marrying in haste and repenting in South Dakota,' and there being 'just as good fish in the sea as have ever been caught,' when one of the girls remarked: 'Did it ever occur to you that the bait might get stale while you were angling for them?' In angling for customers we never allow the bait to get stale around this shop. We get in new goods by most every express these days. The boss believes in keeping the stock right up to the minute, so that if you read in any of the magazines or home journals of a new food product or relish of any kind you can come right to this store and see the article for yourself. We just got in a big lot of Un-Jerusalem's famous Deviled Ham and Sardines. We are headquarters for relishes. They certainly do help you eat good and plenty if your appetite is a little backward. MILLER & EWBANK.

NOTICE. Is hereby given that the undersigned will apply at the regular meeting of the city council of the City of Medford, Oregon, to be held on February 3, 1908, for a license to sell, dispense, and sell malt liquors in quantities less than one gallon for a period of six months, at their place of business at Lot 11, 3d Block 20, in said city. W. M. KENNEDY, Medford, January 29, 1908.