

## DERIDES IDEAS OF SOCIALISM

Tenets of Political Sect Denied by F. A. S.—Says But Few Would be Followers if Beliefs Were Really Understood by the Masses.

To the Editor:

I will take this opportunity to again reply to a so-called answer to my reply to the article on Socialism which appeared in the Oregonian recently. I say so-called, because a subject will be brought up and emphatically denied by the Mr. Wilson, who seems to be considered the chief scribe of that pernicious order in Medford. The denial is all there is to it, as I propose to show.

Take the labor union argument. The writer stated and still reiterates that the largest organization of labor in the United States—the American Federation of Labor—has always repudiated Socialism, notwithstanding the fact that Socialists are always trying to insinuate that they are the accredited champions of the labor classes. Mr. Wilson draws on his imagination for a lot of European statistics and all kinds of statistics to show why the A. F. of L. should be Socialistic and ought to be Socialistic, but the fact remains, as shown by the numerous turn-downs the Socialists have received at the hands of the A. F. of L. that it is not Socialistic.

### Always Goes to Europe.

Then we have a little dabbling in history. Whenever a Socialistic speaker cannot prove a theory in American statistics he switches over to European statistics, and if he cannot prove it by European statistics he goes back to ancient times. As the Socialists as a rule are not familiar with ancient or European history, this answers the purpose of argument very well. In this sense we are told the bourgeoisie or Burgers of some hundreds of years back were somewhat similar to the present capitalists. The class referred to was the freedom and small shopkeepers, which is quite a different thing.

Then we are told that before the reign of Constantine Christians held all property in common. This might cause amusement even to the schoolboy who is familiar with the histories of that period, as no such mention is ever made in them, so we presume this was taken from Wilson's (of Medford) "Rise and Fall of the Roman Empire."

We also read that farmers will gladly turn their farms over to the Socialist state when they find they can get more out of them by doing so. If the lights of Socialism in control of the state are such striking examples of business management as the present lights of the party, I do not think this would be likely.

### On Marriage Plan.

A little further on in the reply, Mr. Wilson defies any one to show that Socialism advocates a mutual consent plan of marriage. If he will read his original argument he will find that he advocates that very thing plainly enough. Irrespective of this one of the plainest principles (or lack of principle) of Socialism says that all forms such as marriage are unnecessary and

are creations of christianity. This would bring us down to the mutual consent plan, which would bring up the sum of those statistics Mr. Wilson is so fond of quoting—namely, those of the prostitutes in the United States. It appears to me that there is a striking similarity of meaning in "being a prostitute" and "getting married by the mutual consent plan." It is perhaps not so very illogical to presume that prostitutes are simply people who believed in the mutual consent plan so thoroughly that they could not wait until this became legal under Socialist government.

Any legislation which would do away with any of the forms which safeguard woman's estate sap the very foundation of society. This is the very essence of the most important principle of christianity. What utter nonsense it would be for a good woman to enter a marriage state that would not insure to her a companion for life and a father for her children. The divorce laws are one of the greatest evils of society. In countries where there are no such laws it is surprising to note how easily families agree because they know they cannot remarry if they live separate and because people who are really contemplating a life union exercise greater care in selecting a partner for life than they would in selecting one whom they knew they could divorce at any time.

### Open Eyes of People.

To return to Socialism, I do not care to try to continue an argument when I am "defied to prove I ever heard or saw" an argument which was plainly stated in the preceding letter. I have written these letters with a view of opening the eyes of those who have been misled to believe or even vote for a class of legislation which must, as a first step, destroy the whole social order of things of the present day, all rights of property, all practices of religion. We have a good illustration of what happened when the Socialists of France controlled the government a little over 100 years ago. Churches were destroyed, ministers and all members of wealthy classes beheaded. The Socialist leaders declared that reason should be worshipped, and for that purpose an immoral woman was dressed up to suit the part and placed on the altar of the Notre Dame cathedral. The Socialist leaders and doctrines of today all came from Europe, and always declare their adherence to the principles of European Socialism and leaders, such as Bebel, Marx, etc. If the Socialists of the United States would really understand what those principles advocate there would be few who would care to identify themselves with them. F. A. S., February 4, 1908.

### DAN KELLY TO JOIN CLUB IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Feb. 5.—As was predicted when Dan Kelly, the world's champion sprinter, came to this city, the young western runner will remain in New York permanently through the efforts of W. K. Jones, one of the greatest athletic enthusiasts in New York. Kelly will shortly sport the colors of one of the local clubs.

Just which club will get him is a question, but, as it is already pretty certain that Kelly will join the Twenty-second regiment, it is likely that he will become a member of the Irish American Athletic club.

The sprinter started training in the Twenty-second's armory today and says that he hopes shortly to be in form for some record work.

## AUTOMOBILISTS GET IN LINE

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Every person in Medford owning an automobile is requested to have it in line near the depot on Sunday afternoon for the Inland Empire excursion, which stops half an hour here. If the roads will permit, excursionists will be taken to Ashland in automobiles. If not, the sight of 60 autos drawn up on Seventh street will do more to convince excursionists of Medford's prosperity than any exhibit that could be made.

A train of nine cars is expected to reach Medford Sunday afternoon. Following is a partial list of those signifying their intention of leaving their business in the cities of Eastern Washington and Idaho for a few weeks, in order to get acquainted with their neighbors on the coast:

### Visitors from Spokane.

Spokane, Wash.—W. H. Aouff, Mrs. Amstien, Mrs. E. J. Barton, Val and Mrs. Bihler, Mrs. Mary Bissett, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Blair, Mrs. R. E. Bratton, Dr. and Mrs. Brower, Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Carmel, H. L. Chamberlain, John Clommer, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Conley, Harry Cox, Mr. and Mrs. George H. Doerr, Mr. and Mrs. O. Dorman, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Dost, D. M. Drumheller, Mrs. Edwards, H. E. Elliott, Mary E. Elliott, Mrs. Charles Ferguson, O. L. Ferguson, J. H. Fink, M. Fordham, William Franko, Mrs. E. P. Gallbraith, F. M. Gardner, F. E. Goodall, Dr. and Mrs. Gray, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Greenough, Mrs. William Harrison, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Heidinger, Mrs. Hellman, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Hindle, H. Horstman, John Huetter, George H. Huntley, R. A. Hutchison, E. J. Hyde, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Jamieson, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Jones, William Koestman, Mr. and Mrs. G. Koons, Charles Krum, C. H. Larkin, Ed. Lensen, Mrs. Charles Manley, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. McCreary, D. K. McDonald, Dr. McKenzie, J. E. McWhorter, Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Meeks, R. B. Merrill, Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Mitchell, L. G. Monroe, O. C. Moore, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Oaks, Mrs. N. A. Parent, Dr. Effie Parsons, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Porter, Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Reed, Col. W. M. Ripath, Mr. and Mrs. P. R. Robertson, Mr. and Mrs. E. Sanders, Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Sanders, Miss Schuele, Carrie B. Shipman, Miss Bertie Shinner, Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Smith, W. H. Sorrell, C. G. Staples, R. B. Wadman, Mrs. Mary Waters, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Watkins, Mr. and Mrs. William Watson, C. E. Wickersham, Mrs. H. R. Wolf, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Wooster and W. Yearley.

### From Other Cities.

North Yakima, Wash.—J. Callahan, Pullman, Wash.—G. C. Enos, Mrs. J. J. Murray, Miss Neva Murray, Mrs. D. M. Sanders, Marion Spurr and Mrs. Marion Spurr.  
Rosalia, Wash.—Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Fink and Miss Fink.  
W. Natvies, Wash.—Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Littlefield and Mr. and Mrs. A. Z. Wells.  
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Notice is hereby given that at a school meeting of District No. 49 of Jackson county, state of Oregon, to be held at the city hall in Medford, in said district, on the 10th day of February, 1908, there will be submitted to the legal voters of said district the question of contracting a bonded debt of \$40,000 for the purpose of erecting a high school building, the vote to be by ballot, upon which shall be the words "Bonds—Yes" and the words "Bonds—No." Polls to be open at 1

o'clock p. m. and remain open until 4 o'clock p. m.  
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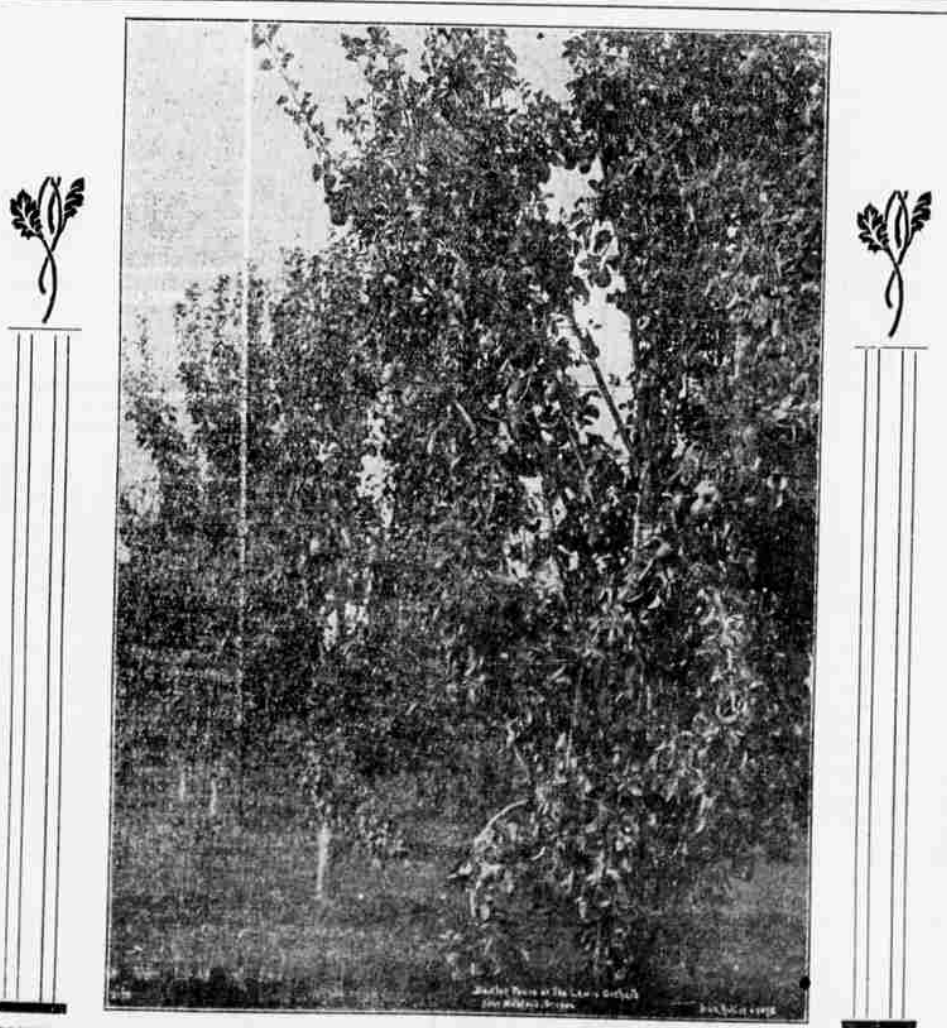
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