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THE RED FLAG AND SOCIALISM.

A Medford organ of plutocracy wants to know why Eugene Debs, candidate of the social democratic party, is traveling on a train, painted bright red, called "the red special," when "red is the anarchists' color the world over."

On numerous occasions this paper has shown its ignorance of both socialism and anarchy. In fact, it never talks intelligently upon this or any political subject. It is wallowing in the mire of bigotry and cannot see beyond the dense forests of ignorance that bound its slough of conventionalism.

Socialism is a philosophy that holds that "society is evolving toward a co-operative social stage, a co-operative social organization, where the means of production and distribution of wealth are the collective property of the working class, while the goods which are consumed become the private property of the individual workers." This doctrine is set forth as follows in the Communist Manifesto

"In every historical epoch, the prevailing mode of economic production and exchange, and the social organization necessarily following from it, form the basis upon which is built up and from which alone can be explained the political and intellectual history of that epoch; and consequently the whole history of mankind since the dissolution of primitive tribal society, holding land in common ownership, has been a history of class struggles, contests between exploiting and exploited, ruling and oppressed classes. The history of these class struggles forms a series of evolution. Nowadays a stage has been reached where the exploited and oppressed class—the proletariat—cannot attain its emancipation from the sway of the exploiting and ruling class—the bourgeoisie—without at the same time, and once for all, emancipating society at large from all exploitation, oppression, class distinctions and class struggles."

Anarchism advocates the abolition of all government, save that originating in voluntary co-operation—not "a society without order, but an order arising out of the law of association, preferably through self-governing groups," holding that the law "will be better served in a state of freedom and in the absence of compulsion." With crimes of murder and arson, the doctrines of the anarchist have no relation, and most of the acts of barbarity attributed by an inflated public opinion to anarchists, are the acts of madmen and repudiated by real anarchists, whose ideal is a socialistic communion, built upon the golden rule.

Emma Goldman, the anarchist leader, defines the difference between socialism and anarchism as follows: "Karl Marx taught his disciples that economics are the foundation of politics. His modern apostles have, however, reversed his teaching; their motto is 'Let us win political power; then we shall revolutionize the economic conditions.' They have endeavored to transplant the center of revolution from the factory to parliament, from the street to the counting room. Hence the transformation of economic revolutionary socialism into a political reform movement. The strength of the latter depends on votes, not on revolutionaries. A parliamentary party must limit its activities to the Constitution and laws of the country, thus aiding in upholding existing institutions. It cannot put itself outside of the law, since such a position would stamp all political activity on its part illogical and absurd. Every government represents the legislative and the administrative power of the bourgeoisie. The revolutionary proletariat must oppose it, rather than try to reform it. Existing institutions can only be strengthened by the use of political power. To believe in their overthrow by such means is utopian. The social revolution begins where the belief in government and the present order ceases."

So much for socialism and anarchism. But let us get back to the much abused red flag. Since history first began to be recorded, the red flag has been the emblem of protest the banner of those seeking redress against tyranny, the standard of revolt in behalf of liberty, "the inalienably aged flag of labor."

At the head of the striking unions of ancient Rome, half a thousand years before the days of the Caesars, fluttered the crimson banner. It cheered the revolting slave gladiators of Spartacus. It was the emblem of the poor when Greece was in her glory. It led the dissatisfied followers of Jack Cade from Kent to London. It waved over the ragged "reds of the Midi" in their 600-mile march to light the torch of the French revolution, and it was flung to the breeze as the flag of liberty in America when it cheered the revolutionists at the battle of Bunker Hill, and when Israel Putnam unfurled it at Prospect Hill, July 18, 1775.

Livy tells how striking musicians in olden Rome marched in military column proudly waving a red banner in front in 309 B. C., and every historian who has since penned the story of his time could have devoted a chapter to the struggle of the toilers and their blood colored emblem. Pulaski, the Polish patriot, fought the battles of the American revolution and performed his deeds of heroism under a crimson banner sent by the Moravian women of Bethlehem, and when he died "this resplendent star of military genius and honor was wrapped in its historic folds for the last sleep."

In later days, since the French commune, the red flag has gradually become the banner of socialism the world over. Socialists regard it as "the chosen emblem of human brotherhood, without regard to frontiers and boundaries. Its color is symbolical of the blood that flows in the veins of all human beings, making them of one kin; the expression of love, not hatred, of mutual helpfulness, not of oppression. It carries no antagonism to the flag of any civilized nation." It is not the emblem of anarchy, though sometimes appropriated.

Eugene Debs, who rides on the "red special," says of his favorite emblem: "The red flag is the only race flag; it is the flag of revolt against robbery; the flag of the working class; the flag of hope and high resolve; the flag of universal freedom." And that's why red is the emblem of socialism and the reason Debs rides on the red special.

WHAT ARE THEY CONCEALING?

County Commissioners Owen and Patterson have refused to permit the experting of the county books. Their excuse is the expense entailed to the taxpayers, estimated at from \$3000 to \$5000 for going over the records of the past ten years.

County Judge Neil has done his best to force the experting of the books and all indications point to the need of this experting. For 20 years or more the books have not been looked at and anyone who has any dealings at all with the county is forced to admit the need of reform.

The present county officers desire the experting of public records in their charge. The question of experting was made an issue in the spring election and several candidates defeated because they would not consent to having their accounts gone over. There is no doubt of public opinion on this point—the experting is demanded on all sides and there is no expense the taxpayers will not cheerfully face.

Expert Williams told the county court that the books were in a fearful condition. He had made but a cursory inspection, but in the few minutes he worked he discovered that one warrant had been raised from \$20 to \$200, and records in certain offices were in a bad tangle. In all probability short-pays would be uncovered in previous administrations that would more than pay the cost of inspection. The methods and systems in use are antiquated. It will be a lasting economy to introduce modern business methods in the

courthouse, and the annual saving to the county will far exceed the cost of inspection.

It will take from now until next spring to make the examination, and the expert agreed to make the terms easy as possible—no pay until the work is satisfactorily completed. Yet the commissioners refused to order the work.

Charles Palm has returned from the east to find a dun from the sheriff's office for \$835.42 due as taxes. He has a receipt showing that these taxes were paid last spring, but the sheriff's books don't show it. There are over 500 cases of double and triple assessments on the books, and twice as many pieces of property not on the lists. Doesn't this sort of business need reform? Why then do the commissioners vote against it?

Is it possible that there is something rotten being concealed, something in those musty old records, and those not so musty, that need hiding to prevent scandal?

Why is it that the demands of the people, as expressed at the polls, are defied by the county commissioners and the light of publicity carefully shaded from the public records?

If there are raised warrants, may there not also be shortages and embezzlement concealed? The public has a right to know.

Let in the light. Honesty and efficiency have nothing to fear, and in competency and rascality should be unmasked. Expert those books so the people may know what has been going on.

What Papers Say

THE VERMONT ELECTION

(Sacramento Bee.)

The result of the Vermont election is disappointing and discouraging to the Taft following. It shows a decline of eight per cent of the republican vote in the past four years, against a shrinkage of but two per cent in the democratic vote. And the republicans in their campaign had the help of a number of orators of National reputation sent into the state by the National committee of their party, while the democrats received no such external aid. And it may be presumed that no expense was spared on the trust side of the contest, in the effort to make a hopeful prospect for the Taft and Sherman ticket next November.

On the whole, the news from Vermont tends to confirm belief in a strong popular drift toward Bryan. And the outcome of the election in Maine on the 15th instant is likely to afford still greater encouragement for Bryan and the anti-monopoly and reform movement. The democrats even have hopes of carrying the state, as they did in 1890, when Plaisted was elected governor.

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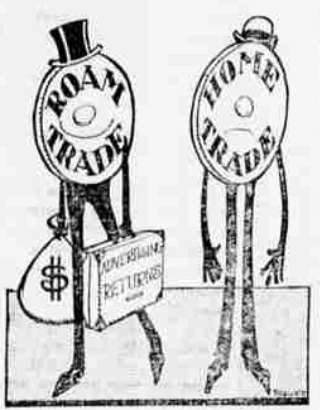
KLAMATH FALLS, Sept. 4.—Judge Henry L. Benson, of the circuit court of this district, Wednesday administered the oath of office to his successor, George Nolan.

Judge Benson's last jury case was a railroad right of way case. He now will devote his time to his private law practice, in partnership with C. P. Stone of this city.

Hon. Robert G. Smith of Grants Pass spent Thursday in Medford on business.

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Home trade! Home trade! It's better for their roam trade. So keep your dollars in the town. Don't send them abroad. Don't never, never send them around the world to wander up and down.

The celebrated American poet who penned these immortal lines might have added a prose footnote to the effect that roam trade will cease when home trade makes the same effort to get business as roam trade makes in other words, when the home merchant advertises adequately in the home paper.

—WHAT ever occur to you?

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