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EVOLUTION IN OHIO.

Shall the Churches Capture or Kill the Ohio State University?

Our correspondent discloses a singular state of affairs in Ohio. Nothing less than a covert attempt to extinguish the little touch of free, scientific, higher education there is in that state. We mean by "free," untheological—or beyond the control of churches.

The TORCH has all along taken the position that nothing is now more necessary for the Republic than a "higher education," "free" in the sense of being beyond the control of either church or state. Our appeal has been, and is, to those who have means, to lose no time in having it applied to institutions like L. U. O., where the Truth can be taught and disseminated without fear or favor of gods or devils, priests or politicians.

We had hoped that Mr. Carnegie might see things in this light, and rear institutions of learning which could furnish use and readers for his libraries, which otherwise will practically go for little or nothing.

The "higher education," that is, the learning and culture above the common schools, must have CENTERS, "small colleges," as Mr. Bryan calls them, to which the people may have ready access, and from which the influence of a higher republican life by Science, precept, books, and the example of noble men and women, may become the independent and common inheritance. Without this influence there will in time be no Republic, for there will be no independent republican life or influence to sustain it.

In the meantime, all of the state colleges and universities should be sustained, and be made as scientific and as thoroughly unsectarian and secular as possible.

Let every patriot in Ohio write now to his member of the Legislature to defeat that covert sectarian conspiracy to cripple or destroy the University of his state!

THE REPUBLIC SUPREME!

All Tendencies, Parties and Views Find in Its Existence and Welfare Their Judge and Human Limitation.

Many reformers are at fault, in that they give the people generally, the notion that they are "possessed" by ideas, ideals, reforms or tendencies which they are trying to run to ruinous extremes. A good cause, or healthy tendency, when pushed in that unlimited manner, defeats the good it really stands for in Scientific Republican Sociology.

Thus it is considered an objection or "answer" to "socialism," that one prefers to own his own clothes, bed, house and farm with his family, and have some result proportionate to his work.

The Anarchist who really wants civilization, and lives by virtue of it, has given the general notion that he simply wants others to vote and pay taxes for his protection and benefit, while he plays drone or reformer. Now, if a man has any sense, "common" or other, the time and place to show it is in the advocacy of the changes or reforms which he proposes for the benefit of the Republic. Wild and inconsiderate talk means sure defeat.

From every point of view we must remember that the Republic is IT, the THING, the SUPREME. It is the natural and inevitable co-operation of Each for All, and All for Each; all "isms" are limited by what is best for IT. Every one of them, however good, if carried too far is destructive and ruinous. Each, like Socialism and Anarchism, are necessary tendencies which must be balanced and co-ordinated for the common good, IN ORDER TO BE GOOD.

The real patriot should be like Washington, and the true Sociologist, above all parties, and able to use all parties and tendencies for the general good of the people—which means the Republic, under its supreme law:—SALUS POPULI SUPREMA LEX! Reconsider in the last TORCH the little editorials on the (5th page), "Let the Republic Control." "The Real Test."

Reforming without the Republic, is as idle as the attempt to paint a picture on a canvass without stretcher or frame. It is sailing without Port or compass.

PRE-HUMAN REPUBLICS.

Nature Votes for the Republic Every Time

Few things can be more interesting, instructive and useful, than the general view of the Sciences given at the morning openings of L. U. O. It is a shame that something like them cannot be given before every school and college. Then the people would have some chance to know what the true Bible and revelation of the world, in their real, "religious" and general relations, really are.

Commencing with Astronomy last Fall, the course has passed on through Physics, Chemistry, Dynamics, (Electricity, etc.) to Biology, Psychology; and now comparative or animal Sociology, is the introduction to human association and government.

The fact that Science reverses the Bible, is an old story, but to have it reverse Shakespeare, too, is something rare. But when his description of the polity of the bee-hive, (Henry V, 1, 2), came up, it had to stand generally reversed. There was in the bee-hive no "king and officers of sorts," nor soldiers, nor merchants, nor executioners, nor hardly a thing or object as the great poet supposed. It was found to be a socialistic republic with drones instead of kings, and only a "queen" as the egg-layer and nothing more; while the workers practically run every other part and function of the colony in a purely republican fashion, by COMMITTEES, and without any officers at all, on the basis of

Each for All,
All for Each;
From each his highest deed,
To each as he may need.

The ANTS run their polity in a similar republican way, except that they make captives.

The BEAVERS, the most Sociological of all bipeds, for such they really are, are also thorough republicans and democrats, and do their work en masse, or by committees. Natural selection (Nature), elects the Republic every time, and is only beaten by the ambition and greed of unnatural individuals of the human species. The Republic is the natural government of man, first recovered and improved in America.

ARE SOCIALISTS PATRIOTS?

Do they Act With The Churches, Mormons And Anarchists Against U. S.?

It is not for nothing that we have pointed out that, when the old "Kingdom of Heaven" vanishes with the old Sky-Heaven and Theology, the Republic of the U. S., and finally the Federal Republic of the World, scientifically, logically, and socially, takes its place.

This was the program of Paine and the Republican Fathers of the Revolutions of '76 and '89. But the Cornerstone of that Republic of the World was to be our Federal Republic, and its symbol, "Old Glory." Now the trouble is that the Reformers of the world are convincing the people that they are not really Republicans at all. See how it is:

The Christians and Mormons are praying and working, not for a republic, but for a "kingdom to come," and they expect it soon. The Anarchists are simply Christians gone to seed; that is, each Anarchist, finding that the old God is

gone, is trying to take his place without regard to his fellows or any Republic or government at all. The Socialists act like foreigners, and so as to make the people feel that they will have the "bloody flag" in the place of the "star spangled"; and that their "international conventions" are to stand in the place of the U. S. Congress, Uncle Sam, the Spirit of '76 and American Patriotism, as the inspiration of U. S. AND of the FEDERAL Republic of the Nations and Peoples of the world.

With this foreign heart and "complexion" can they succeed in America?

Can there be any doubt but that Paine, Jefferson and Washington were right about this Republic's future? Is not the science of political Sociology with them? If so the time has come to "naturalize" these socialistic reforms, and get them into the line of the political, social and patriotic evolution of the American people. Now they are cut off by themselves, and stand as if little metaphysical, theological, foreign, and "class" movements. They appear as if at heart and logically against our Republic and our flag? They must become part of U. S. or die? But, as Mr. Charles Southeran of New York has shown, they were indigorous to the American soil and people; AS SUCH they must be reclaimed and cultivated for all they are worth?

SOCIALISM,

Will It Commit Suicide in Oregon?

When hunters want to clear out game, or make an end of animals undesirable, they try to corral, shew, or dog them together for the slaughter; but if the game have no better sense than to get together themselves—all the better—for the hunters! That is to say, that new moral, social, Liberal, economic, political, and other reforms, make a fatal mistake when they bring THEIR candidates to the polls before they have strength enough to at least hold a balance of power there, and so compel the respect of the greater parties. As soon as they take such candidate action, their votes are thrown away, and their worthy purposes are misrepresented, corrupted, lied out, bought or stolen. They become at once the POLITICAL enemy of every partizan, and of the mass of people, ignorant or ill informed, as to their motives and real objects.

The Socialists at Salem last week organized as a political party. They then rose and with hands lifted to high heaven swore by the Eternal [?] that they never, never, never, would "fuse" with any other party; adopted a class platform, that, without explanation, excludes the farmers and a large majority of the people; and then nominated a full ticket of candidates to be voted without a