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While Portland and the Williamette Valley have been drenched with rain lately, threatening crops, Curry county had no precipitation, and our roads are getting dusty since the shower a week ago.

A False Claim

The accusation of the Socialists and of Bryan, that Roosevelt has stolen their principles and incorporated them in the Progressive platform, is frankly admitted, but not as a theft, there must be a prior owner.

CURRENT TOPICS

By J. H. Urton

Editorial Comment

The recent death of Ex U. S. Senator Washburn at Minneapolis reminded me of several facts. Hon. E. B. Washburn was long United States Senator from Minnesota as a Republican, every surface fact indicating that he would again and again be re-elected.

In a great speech in favor of his bill Senator Washburn pointed out the dishonesty, immorality and economic absurdity of stock exchange sharps being permitted to accumulate millions out of nothing absolutely; that the gains of these sure-things sharps were necessarily balanced by the losses of others who had no intimation of the tricks set up for their destruction.

Another fact was impressed upon my mind by the action of the lower House of Congress the other day passing an act outlawing the dealing in "cotton futures", thus proving that some things come to him who dies.

The Special Interests have, for many years, combined to discipline any Senator or Congressman who has had the temerity to attack any privilege enjoyed by the gang whose genius has always been for loot: I recall several Senators and members of the House who, shortly before and not long after Washburn's downfall were sent into private life for urging the restoration to the public domain of millions of acres forfeited by railroad companies.

who had made a gallant fight against the extortion of the Central Pacific railroad which charged the people of Reno the regular tariff from Chicago in addition to local rates to San Francisco and back to that point, which, as Daggett had pointed out, was a species of robbery, pure and simple.

And the Roosevelt party with all of its bluff and bluster makes no promise of amendment in this behalf. Whenever Mr. Beveridge shall descend to the point of realizing that the capitalist is no longer necessary in the operation of industry, in fact a dead drag upon industrial progress, he will have the courage, honesty and ability to make plain his conclusions.

And I would not be understood as contending that capitalists in combination have not proved a real benefit to mankind, for they have. They have taught the world that cooperation on a large scale is not only possible but immensely profitable.

Intellectually Governor Johnson towers away above Col. Roosevelt whom Mrs. Amos Pinchot describes as "emotional and vehement rather than intellectual". Two years ago President Taft addressed a large crowd in Cooper Union, N. Y., very many present being wage workers.

"Every man has the right to that which will enable him and those dependent on him to live comfortably. If he can't get it by bargain, and he and his family face starvation, he has the right to take it by force. A more powerful right than bargaining, is the natural law that gives every man the right to subsistence. This doesn't mean the right to steal indiscriminately.

Taft's answer was tactless and stupid; Vaughan's wise and brave as responding in primitive fashion to a primitive need. The Appeal to Reason, however, twists the Father with the proposition that the man would be a criminal, and that neither the State nor the Church would consider his need in extenuation, since the one would send him to prison and the other to hell; that under Socialism no such need could arise.

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Surplus Clamor Clamor for Dividends

Civilization is surplus value, and surplus value is produced by surplus or unpaid labor. What will become of civilization when labor produces no more than it consumes?

Why he will have to go to work that's all, and it won't kill him either, or if it does he will never be missed.

John Quale

Socialist Facts of Interest

Some statistics regarding the recent national Socialist Party convention at Indianapolis reveal interesting facts about a movement frequently misrepresented and more often misunderstood. Of the nearly three hundred delegates, seventy five per cent were native-born Americans, the remainder being divided as follows, so far as known: England 12, Germany 10, Canada 9, Russia and Finland 6 each, Scotland 4, Norway, Sweden, Denmark and Ireland 3 each, Holland, Austria and Poland 2 each and Hungary, Wales, Bavaria, Roumania, Bohemia, Italy, Scandinavia and Slavonia 1 each.

A significant feature was the large number of women delegates. Of these there were twenty six, both actually and proportionately more than in any other political party convention held this or any other year. Of these women, 7 recorded themselves as housewives, 5 as teachers, 4 as lecturers and writers, and the other nine as clerk, dressmaker, general correspondent, insurance agent, physician, optician, nurse, bookkeeper, and stenographer, respectively.

It may be added finally that the convention was in every respect, the most successful ever held by the party; the platform and resolutions adopted have met with almost universal approval by the party organization—which now numbers over 150,000 dues-paying membership; the Presidential ticket, Debs and Seidel, has been hailed with enthusiasm and there is every indication of a vigorous, brisk and aggressive campaign—opened at Chicago, June sixteenth—with a largely increased Socialist vote in November.

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census of 1900 makes the average wage \$437 or \$1.40 per day, and the product \$2,451 or \$7.90 per day.

In 1890 the wage worker received 22 per cent of his product. In 1900 he received only 17 per cent of his product. And millions out of employment all the time in spite of the great incentive of 17 per cent of product.

But does anybody believe that the greatest incentive goes with the lowest wages?

H. E. B. Joseph, Ore.—In 1907 J. P. Morgan said that labor in this country had to be shown that capital must have its returns, and he might as well have added whether the laborer gets anything or not. He controlled three-fourths of the banking strength of the country and was enabled through the government letting him have its funds, to make large sums out of the depression of 1907.

There's an old fellow living beyond Grassy Hill who will argue by the hour that the earth is flat and the sun moves.

"Let him alone," sagely commanded the Old Codger. "If you switch him he'll want to argue Socialism with you."—Puck.

Plain Speaking in England

The industrial situation in England is giving rise to some unusually plain speaking by prominent men. The fact that there was shown to be a large increase in profits in British commerce in 1911 among leading firms, notwithstanding the transportation strike; that not in years has commerce enjoyed such a large volume of business; that recent railroad dividends were large and satisfactory; that the coal operators are reported to have cleared \$1,000,000 profit from enhanced strike prices—all this, taken in connection with the great strikes of miners, seamen, railroad, transport and other workers, together with an increase of emigration from Great Britain from 233,709 in 1910 to 261,858 in 1911, has provoked out spoken comment, especially from those not identified directly with politics.

The articles of H. G. Wells, John Galsworthy and others in the Daily Mail have been extensively quoted in the press of this country but the declaration of Jerome K. Jerome, the famous novelist and playwright, in a lecture at Cambridge, while the most striking of all, has not been reported.

"In future a business that can only exist by the starvation of its workers will have to be suppressed as a public nuisance. The unrest of Labor is the healthiest sign of the age. Blind in itself, and maddened by injustice, Labor can, like Samson of old, shatter the temple in its despair, bring the whole social structure down in ruin and in dust. But, given hope, it will build up, not destroy. I have no fear of Labor. I see a body of men realizing the vastness of power that has come in to their hands and recognizing the duties and responsibilities that it involves—determined to claim for themselves no more than justice and expediency demand; grasping the interdependence in every civilized state of class upon class—wishing, as one of their leaders in language that other political parties might do well to learn has said, to regard themselves as citizens first and as members of this or that section afterwards.

"The social revolution has got to come. The duty of every thinking man is to help prepare the way for it—that it may come upon us, not armed with anger and with hatred, but clothed in reason, bearing promise in its hand."

That "Undesirable" Citizen Debs an "undesirable citizen!"

fringed as such by Roosevelt. Yet Roosevelt, in all his life, never uttered a sentiment half so true as this sentiment which Debs expressed to an assemblage of workmen:

"I am not a labor leader; I do not want you to follow me or any one else. If you are looking for a Moses to lead you out of this capitalist wilderness, you will stay right where you are. I would not lead you into this promised land if I could, because if I could lead you in, someone else would lead you out. You must use your heads as well as your hands and get yourselves out of your present condition. As it is now, the capitalists use your heads and your hands."—Allan L. Benson in Pearson's Magazine.

The Real Enemy

The enemy who comes to us with open visor we face with a smile; to set our foot upon his neck is mere play for us. The stupidly brutal acts of violence of police and politicians, the outrages of anti-socialist laws, the anti-revolution laws, penitentiary bills—these only arouse feelings of pitying contempt; the enemy, however, that reaches out the hand to us for a political alliance, and intrudes himself upon us as a friend and brother,—him and him alone have we to fear.—Wm. Liebknecht.

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SHERIFF'S SALE. Notice is hereby given that by virtue of an execution and order of sale duly issued out of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for Debs vs. county, under the seal of said Court, dated the 5th day of July, A. D. 1912, and to me directed, commanding me to sell the hereinafter described real property to satisfy the demands of the plaintiff, J. T. Ford, against the defendant, H. T. Harris, to-wit: the sum of \$301.05 with interest from the 28th day of February, 1912, at the rate of 6 per cent per annum, and the further sum of \$255.50, plaintiff's costs and disbursements, with interest thereon at the rate of 6 per cent per annum from the 28th day of February, 1912, together with the cost of said action and writ, I will expose for sale at public auction at the main entrance to the Courthouse at Gold Beach, Curry County, Oregon, and will sell to the highest bidder for cash, on Saturday, the 31st day of August, 1912, at the hour of one o'clock in the afternoon, all of the right, title and interest which said H. T. Harris has had any time since, or now has in and to the Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 30 in Township 35 South, Range 12 West of the Williamette Meridian, and the Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 36 in Township 35 South, Range 13 West of the Williamette Meridian, Curry County, Oregon.

In the County Court of the State of Oregon, For This County of Curry, In the matter of the Citation to heirs Estate of George L. Taylor, Deceased, interested in Probate. To Rose Spraul, Mrs. E. W. Grigware and Maude M. Snyder, heirs of George L. Taylor, deceased, Greeting: You are hereby required to be and appear in the County Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Curry, at the Court Room thereof, at the County Seat in said County of Curry, on Monday, the 7th day of October A. D. 1912, at 10 o'clock A. M. of that day, then and there to show cause, if any you have, why a petition presented to said County Court, and now on file therein, should not be allowed and an order of sale of real property of George L. Taylor, deceased, granted to the Administratrix, Mrs. C. M. Upton, to sell at private sale according to terms of petition on file in the office of the County Clerk, Description of property: Beginning at a point one rod north of the S. E. Corner of the S. E. 1/4 of the S. W. 1/4 of Sec. 10, Tp. 31 S., R. 15 West, thence north 24 rods, thence west 50 rods, thence South 24 rods and thence east 80 rods to place of beginning, containing 12 acres, less one rod off the west end for an easeway. Witness, The Hon. F. A. Bailey, Judge of the County Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Curry, this 8th day of August, A. D. 1912. Attest: Geo. W. Smith, Clerk. By C. H. Sevdan, Deputy.

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