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PRUSSIANISM OR AMERICANISM.

That is the sole issue in the tide of socialism sweeping over our country—which shall it be, prussianization or stay American?

With all the alleged mistakes, blunders and imperfections of the American political system, for fifty years a hundred million people prospered.

We enjoyed greater opportunities and achieved greater happiness and made more progress to the square inch per individual than any nation.

Paternalism and socialism read well and talk well, but the American system that which they attack, has always worked well.

Bolshevism viewed through the tortoise-shell rimmed glasses of some soft-handed and often soft-headed theorist is a nostrum.

It is a name for the highest flowering of rampant socialism that opened the door for kaiser kultur and is not making the people happier.

Prussianism is despotism by the all-highest. Bolshevism is despotism by the all-lowest. American democracy means opportunity for all.

"Democracy is the only system on trial today that is intelligently planned and fitted to the needs of the world."

NO TIME FOR TINKERING.

There are still a number of people who think it is very important to press innumerable constitutional amendments and some even advocate holding constitutional conventions in some western states.

When one stops to think what would have happened to our country if the seven hundred amendments proposed to our federal constitution in the past twenty years had all been adopted, he hesitates.

The single great fact remains that the federal and state constitutions have been tested out by experience and found adequate to the strain of successfully carrying on the greatest war in history.

It does not seem a favorable time to alter radically the basis of our state or federal government when we are engaged in a hand to hand struggle between democracy and autocracy for the whole world.

Experiments and expense of holding constitutional conventions should be avoided above all things and those who have radical propositions to promote can well afford to await a more convenient season.

OFF ON THE WRONG FOOT AGAIN.

"That Stayton home guard bunch are a set of good huskies and make a fine appearance in uniform. It was quite bewildering to many of them Tuesday as such large crowds in Salem is of rare occurrence and to a Staytonite it was one glorious event not soon to be forgotten, and will form the main topic of conversation in Beauchamp's drug store, L. A. Thoms' poultry house and under the 'soft glow' of the street lights."—Turner Tribune.

Yes, the Stayton bunch is a set of good huskies, and in fact, they are all gentlemen—they pull together, and work for the best interests of the thriving little city of Stayton. This is more than Turner can boast of. The fact is that there is not enough men in Turner that will stick together long enough, without fighting, to make a showing, and from the above bit of sarcasm it looks as if the "fighting" town of Turner is just a little bit jealous. Well, it was always thus.

While we have consistently counseled our readers to avoid the appearance of boasting when speaking of the American troops in France, we think that it would be all right to let out a couple of whoops now.

We do not speak authoritatively, but we are inclined to believe the republican party is willing to "adjourn politics" provided President Wilson will set the example.

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