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WHAT A CHANGE MEANS.

When the voters of the United States are asked to elect Alton B. Parker to succeed Theodore Roosevelt as President of the United States on the 4th of next March, it must be remembered that they are asked to supplant a Republican administration by a Democratic administration. The change will not only be from Roosevelt to Parker, but we will have the Cabinet headed by John Hay succeeded by a Cabinet headed by David B. Hill or some other Democratic demagogue; we will have our Minister to England and our Minister to France and all the Ambassadors and Ministers and Consuls now working for the glory of the United States succeeded by the henchmen who are now working so desperately to elect the Democratic candidate. We shall have the postmasters throughout the country and the collectors and other officials, including United States District Attorneys, succeeded by a herd of inexperienced spoils-seeking supporters of the Democratic ticket, hanging on simply for what there is in it. There never was a time in the history of our country when its affairs were better administered, when its various offices from the highest to the humblest were conducted by more intelligent, more able and more patriotic citizens than is the case in this year of our Lord nineteen hundred and four.

It would be well for the American citizens to pause and give this matter thought before he decides to cast his vote for a change of administration next November. It will not be a change simply from Roosevelt to Parker, it will be a change from Republicanism to Democracy. Such a change was made only a few years ago when we changed from Harrison to Cleveland, and from a well trained crew of Republican patriots to a band of inexperienced and bungling Democrats. The result is too well remembered to need elaboration. We changed from prosperity and progress to poverty and bankruptcy and commercial disaster from one end of the land to the other. The lesson should have been well learned and the American voter will hardly want to repeat that experience by casting his vote on the 8th of next November for Mr. Parker and the men that he would place in power over the business interests of this gloriously progressive Nation.

DELAYING THE PORTAGE.

Facts have developed since the special session of the legislature which induce the belief that the appropriation for the purchase of the right of way for the government canal was made for the purpose of killing the portage road. Further, that this appropriation was worked through the legislature by politicians in Wasco county in the interest of the railroad company. The canal will not be built for the next fifteen or twenty years, and was no particular menace to the railroad; but the portage road could be constructed in a few months, and would immediately be a competitor in regard to freight rates. Taking all things into consideration, it seems that is what induced such an arduous effort to be made by those politicians interested to give the government canal the right of way. Subsequent events bear this out. The state board delayed the matter so long until the Open River commission took the matter in its own hands, and the portage road will be built.

As the Chronicle stated at the time the congress of the United States would not have allowed a matter of such great importance as a canal, opening to navigation a river that drained an empire in extent, to be unnecessarily delayed for the paltry sum of \$100,000. We stated at the time, and still firmly believe, our senators in the higher branch of congress and members in the lower house, could

have secured the passage of the bill for the purchase of the right of way in time for the work to have begun on the canal. There was something over \$300,000 available, and by the time this amount was used up, other sums would not have been delayed.

Those who are in favor of the portage road should understand who their friends are, and there is every reason to draw the conclusion that the appropriation was made at the special session to purchase the right of way for the government canal to sidetrack the portage road. Further than this, it is very evident that the enthusiasm manifested by local politicians for the canal right of way had for its object the death of the portage road, perhaps to serve personal ends.—Dallas Chronicle.

Bill Nye, the humorist, in reply to a Wisconsin youth who asked if Kansas was a good state in which to start another drug store, said: "If you mean by the drug business the sale of sure-enough drugs I would not go to Kansas. If it is the great burning desire of your heart to go into a town of 2,000 people and open the thirteenth drug store in order that you may stand behind a tall, black walnut prescription case day in and day out, with a graduate certificate in one hand and a Babcock fire extinguisher in the other, filling orders for whiskey made of stump water and the juice of future punishment, you will do well to go to Kansas. It is a temperance state and no saloons are allowed there. You can run a dummy drug store there with two dozen dreary old glass bottles on the shelves, punctured by the hand of time and the Kansas fly of the period, and with a prohibitory law at your back, and a tall red barrel in the back room filled with a mixture that will burn great holes into nature's heart, and make the cemetery blossom as a rose, and in a few years you can sell enough of this poisonous preparation to fill your flabby pockets with wealth.

Additional Locals

W. F. Hammer was in the city from Haystack this week attending to business matters.

D. F. Furr was down from his ranch at Bear creek this week looking after business matters.

A. Thomson left the last of the week for Portland on a business trip.

Wardwell Cram and wife returned Sunday from an extended visit with relatives and friends at Hood River and Washington points.

The Ladies of the Presbyterian church will serve supper at Belknap's hall Friday evening, Oct. 21, from 5:30 to 9 p. m. at 25 cents a plate.

A Bon Bon party, the first of its kind to be given in the city, is on the list of social events for next week. The party will be given in Glaze's hall, Friday evening, October 28.

A. B. Estebennet, the Ashwood caterer spent Saturday in this city. He says that Ashwood is getting dull as a result of the mines shutting down and that he will soon move to Bend and engage in business.

Frank Elkins leaves this week for the Beaver country, having been appointed by the county court to superintend the work on several proposed bridges which will be built for the accommodation of those who travel the Prineville-Paulina route.

Reports from the cattle centers of Klamath county state that 15,000 head of beef cattle will be shipped out of that district during the next three months. From present indications it is the only stock region in Eastern Oregon where cattle are moving in response to fairly decent prices.

An exchange says: "How to cook an old Grouse—Clean the bird nicely, let it dry for two days in the sun. Nail the bird to a pine board, cover with salt, and after standing for two days

longer boil for eight hours, then put it in an oven and bake slowly for six hours. Then draw the nails out, throw the grouse out the door and eat the nails and board, which are said to be the best parts of the bird."

Socialist Column

Editor The Journal: Each and everyone of us have our troubles, except an editor and the poor correspondents: they have none? Last week your poor, humble correspondent K was tortured by the festive editor by having some of his sentences, by omission and of a few little words, express the exact opposite meaning of what was intended. The errors were accredited to the "devil," while "the devil was to pay" and his little satanic majesty received no compensation except abuse, and retorted by accusing poor K, of scrawling his manuscript in unintelligent hieroglyphics. To this, K pleads guilty.

If those who treat us poor Socialists with contumely were honest as we, and would plead guilty to their ignorance of what Socialism stands for, we would have more patience with them.

Socialism stands for a better social condition of every individual of the genus homo for the present and all future time. We profess to know that when Socialism obtains, that peace among the people of the world will be perpetual for we are opposed to war.

Nearly all wars have been caused by commercial greed and religious bigotry. Fighting is held by our laws to be a crime when entered into by individuals. That being so, is it less a crime when entered into by nations?

We believe by establishing a co-operative commonwealth the causes of most wars will be removed, the causes for personal strife will exist no more, the people then, being supplied with all necessities and luxuries of life, will be happy and contented. By establishing a perfect system of education, bigotry and superstition will be known no more, except in the history of the past. A pure system of enlightened secularism will be established, in and by which each and every individual shall be guaranteed free thought and the enjoyment of all they earn.

Are not these possible attainments sufficient incentive to cause the most exalted and prolonged endeavor? Notwithstanding the maligners of Socialism declare "from the housetops" the forums

and sanctums, that Socialism will destroy all incentive to progress. The thirst for personal gain, the accumulation of wealth, is an overpowering incentive that impels nearly all to attain it. In the mad scramble for gold, philanthropy is lost sight of, crimes of conceivable kinds are committed, from overthrowing a government, as the British did the Boers, down to the pickpocket who takes his chance for a dime.

All, when questioned, agree that the present social conditions are wrong and should be amended, but to apply, or attempt to apply the remedy, first, they know not how, and if they get a dim view of the remedy, their long connection with the old parties, the prejudice, and the fear of being guled by their old associates, deter them from espousing the cause that aims to overthrow the system they know is wrong.

They know it would have been better to have expended the vast amount of money and energy in improving our own country in many ways, than in trying to "benevolently assimilate" the Philippines. Who is to blame for the position we are in? Who is to blame for the present social conditions, when few roll in splendor and may suffer for the necessities of life? It is answered, "the political exploiters." Yes, they are the machines that do the work, but who built the machines and gave them the power to thresh the lands and seas, collect the kernels and leave but chaff for the laboring slaves. Was it not, and is it not the fault of the voters?

Year after year you have voted for your old parties because your "father voted it," or because you are so bound in your "yellow dog skin" that you are ashamed to crawl out of it. Now, as always, in campaigns they flatter and praise the "noble laborers," because they comprise about 80 per cent of the voters. After the election the exploiters will use the mercenary politicians you have elected in flogging you of eight tenths of all you produce. You have voted these conditions upon yourselves. Continue to vote as you have voted if you wish to perpetuate your wage slavery; but if you wish to be free and enjoy the full benefits of your labor, use the same tools to break your shackles that you have used in rivetting them upon yourselves by your votes.

I ask in all candor, what has it benefited you, you laborers either socially or financially, in voting the tickets you have in the past? Election times and non-election times are like Johnson's day and night to the exploiters, "One shows the plunder, the other hides the thief."

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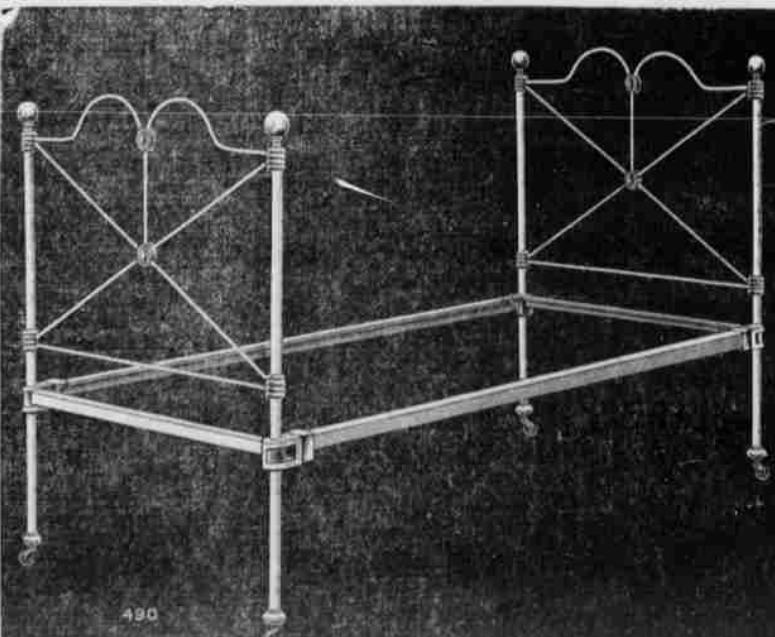
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