Socialist Column

The editor asks: "How can a government millions of dollars in debt pay higher wages and yet operate at cost unless it plunders the rich?" Still so solicitous for the rich, and the poor can work. Well we are not going to plunder the rich, but merely stop the rich from plundering the poor. As to the government being in debt, every business must pay interest on the capital invested and Uncle Sam can get capital at a less rate of interest than any private institution.

Under government management of industries (if strictly democratic) all the profits and graft that has been going to the capitalist, and all the expense and waste of competition will go to the worker in increased pay. According to government reports the labor cost of a ton of coal placed on the cars is 68c. Don't you believe that under proper government management of the mines and the railroads every working man could receive $10 a day and the price of coal still be reduced about one half? The saving of this $9.00 on each ton of coal comes partly from the profits of the capitalist and partly from the useless expenses some of which goes to furnish employment, useless employment as you admit when you state that they will be thrown out of employment. Very well! Now, what are these men going to do with their increased wages? They are going to buy things. More and better shoes, clothing, homes, amusements and more coal to keep the babies warm as some of them have never been kept warm before. Even the money that is saved from the capitalists will be spent as he could not possibly spend it but had to pile it up. And all this will furnish employment. so that the millions who are thrown out of useless jobs will be thrown into useful ones at greatly increased pay. As future generations look back down the pages of history they will not see in the dark ages of savagery, nor in any age previous to capitalism anything so incongruous, so indicative of utter imbecility as the employment problem of this day. Millions starving and freezing for the want of an opportunity to produce food and clothing. How can you, my readers, apologize for such a condition? If the means of production were publicly owned it could not exist.

"Manual labor for all?" No! There are many forms of useful and necessary mental occupations. You show, however that you realize that a majority of the mental occupations of today are purely parasitic.

Won't you please explain how the government ownership of a big woolen mill in St. Johns would put the women out of employment?

One of the grandest things about socialism is that it would guarantee to women steady employment at wages that would render them economically independent of the male.

Yes, if socialism should come about all at once, (which it cannot, but must come gradually) some people who have no useful occupation, but have to live by their wits exploiting the work of others, might have to do manual labor. But it wouldn't hurt them. And there are thousands of professional and small business men struggling to make ends meet, who would glory in the opportunity to do manual labor provided they could be guaranteed the full social product of their labor and a job always open.

And they would sleep sounder at night, and go a-fishing on Saturday afternoon, and take a vacation to the coast and not be compelled to worry their lives out for fear they might miss an opportunity to beat some other poor fellow out of a job, or do a good business deal.

"Who will be compelled to do disagreeable work?" Nobody will be compelled to do anything. The government will be compelled to offer such hours and wages for disagreeable work as will attract applicants, and the easy jobs command the least pay. When too many applicants ask for one kind of work the pay will be slightly reduced, and vice versa.

As to details, will the editor give us the details of the next four years? Maybe Taft, maybe Roosevelt, Wilson (Woodrow, or J Stitt, socialist), Clark, Harmon, La Follette or Bryan. Confidence is much disturbed for want of details. When our fathers threw off the British yoke did they have in mind the details of the new government? When we throw off the capitalist yoke we shall not form a new government and its details need not be essentially changed. We would just merely extend its power to include industries. What details would you have concerning the government management of railroads more than you see in the government management of the mail business? Details may differ in different localities as they do now in our school system.

The essential point upon which all agree is that these things must not be left to the profit and graft of private institutions. And socialists merely insist that there is no better reason why any industry should be.

"What objection have we to religion and the churches?" Well, well! There is the Rev. J. Stitt Wilson, socialist mayor of Berkeley, Cal., and prominently mentioned for presidential candidate. And another Rev., who is socialist mayor of Schennectady, New York. These are the two largest cities in control of the socialists. Then there is Rev. Alexander Irvine, one of the most loved and trusted leaders of the movement. And Rev. Carr, editor of the Christian Socialist, and Rev. Sheldon, author of In His Steps," who, with his flock and many readers, found it impossible to follow in His steps in a capitalistic society. And there was Frances Willard, whose work for temperance was nothing if not religious, and who, in her old age, admitted that poverty was more a cause of intemperance than intemperance was a cause of poverty, and said that if she had her life to live over it would be devoted to the cause of socialism.

There are far more preachers than lawyers or doctors in the socialist movement. To many socialism is a religion which calls forth more self sacrificing devotion than any church in Christendom can boast. A religion whose ideal is the doing unto others as ye would that they should do to you. A religion which believes that man can do his duty to God only by doing his duty toward his fellow man. And that duty implies the establishment of a social order based on equity and justice.

Proposals for Street Work

Sealed proposals will be received at the office of the Recorder of the City of St. Johns until May 21st, 1912, at 8 o'clock p. m., for the improvement of Fessenden street from the westerly line of Buchanan street to the westerly line of Oswego street in the manner provided by ordinance No. 475, subject to the provisions of the charter and ordinances of the City of St. Johns, and the estimate of the city engineer, on file.

Engineer's estimate is $10,652.86.

Bids must be strictly in accordance with printed blanks, which will be furnished on application at the office of the Recorder of the City of St. Johns. And said improvement must be completed on or before 60 days from date of the last publication of notice of proposals of said work.

No proposals or bids will be considered unless accompanied by a certified check payable to the order of the Mayor of the City of St. Johns, certified by a responsible bank for an amount equal to ten per cent. of the aggregate proposal.

The right to reject any and all bids is hereby reserved.

By order of the City Council.

F. A. RICE,
Recorder.

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SUMMONS

In the Circuit Court of the state of Oregon and county of Multnomah.

Elsie M. Brown, Plaintiff
Vs.
Barney E. Brown, Defendant.

To Barney E. Brown, above named defendant:

In the name of the state of Oregon, you are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled Court and suit within six weeks from the date of the first publication of this summons, and if you fail so to appear and answer or otherwise plead to said suit that plaintiff above named will apply to the above named court for the relief demanded in our complaint, to wit: For a decree forever dissolving the bonds of matrimony now existing between the plaintiff and yourself and absolutely divorcing plaintiff from you, restoring her maiden name to her, and for such other and further relief as to the court may seem just and equitable.

This summons is published pursuant to the order of the Honorable J. P. Kavanaugh, Judge of the above entitled circuit court, made in open court in this cause, on April 12, 1912, which order prescribes that this summons shall be published in the St. Johns Review once a week for a period not less than six weeks. The first publication of this summons was made on April 12, 1912, the last publication thereof will be May 24, 1912.

A. M. ESSON, Atty for Plaintiff.

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