

THE WORD WE ALL SHY FROM.

YET A WORD THAT MEANS BUT
LITTLE TO US.

A SERMON FROM JOHN STARK

From a Text that is Spelled From
Four Little Letters.
Maple Lane, Ore.

Editor Courier:—
Did you ever get frightened at a word?

Now I know you will say "pshaw no one is ever afraid of a word!" But let us not be in too big a hurry. Perhaps if we think them over there is a word of just four letters which frightens the whole nation when it is used just right. Perhaps you are thinking up that word and will repeat from Faust, "By yonder wall stands he of whom all Christians speak in dread."

No that eminent personage, though much a source of fear to individuals, will not stampede a nation. The word is far more "momentous" and if you will steady your nerves for the shock I will spell it—f-r-e-e.

Now don't go off at a tangent until you look it all over and see if my statement is not true, also stop and see if it can safely be used in any family, containing no mercury or opium or will not give any one the "habit."

When but a boy I heard an uncle say he was left for dead on the streets of Bridgeport, Conn. from a beating at the hands of a mob, while he was carrying a "free-soiler" banner. Of course everybody remembers all about the free-soiler agitation, so I will not bother to explain.

About the same time there was an agitation to "free the niggers" and every man who favored that was denounced as a dangerous agitator, who wanted to destroy society and the existing order of things, capsize the government and displease God, also that he wanted a negro for a concubine if he opposed making a slave of her and her children.

"Nonsense" you will say; that is ancient history. Yes, I know. I am following the word "free" and the alarm it spreads in the land and am coming closer to the present day, after I tell you that I think that little word defeated a man for president once.

Now I am not going into the merits of the case. You can debate that with Jones, but it seemed to me at the time, and I still think it was, really that word which turned the trick.

No, it was not Tilden whose election was juggled in a haze of returning board reports, so the country was glad to have it over and have peace for a while, but the fine changes which were wrong on the word "free" in the campaign sixteen years ago. You heard that free silver was just, but by itself not so bad, but with it went free love and free riot, neither by itself so real tearing bad, but all together were dreadful. However altogether bad as they were we could still get along in a sort of a way, but the candidate had one more free break up his sleeve, which if he turned loose would be worse than the breath of the Gila monster. Now all hold your breaths for you would never get over it if it ever touched you. Have you all got a good, tight grip on your nerves? Well, then it is—FREE TRADE!

Now I have not space to argue that either of these ideas are right or wrong. That was settled at that campaign. What I am trying to show is the use of that horrible word free. Really I want to make you get acquainted with it, so you won't shy when you hear it, but just stop and think if after all these fellows who are so busy saying "hook" are not after something you are standing on, namely the earth.

I have never been free and I often wonder what the sensation would be if I could ever feel free from the fear of want.

I believe in free opportunities, in a home for every human being, free from all interference, all incombrances, where no money lord or landlord may dispossess you, where you may feel that you are protected by the right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Many people will tell us that any one who will can have these, but why is it then that so many are homeless?

The 18th annual report of the commissioner of labor, covering 33 states and practically all occupations, shows that over 81 per cent of wage workers are homeless, about one half of the others live in mortgaged homes and the balance, about nine per cent, own their homes—and this in times of great prosperity. Yet workingmen are told they must be patriotic. Ingersoll said few men cared to take up arms to defend what was only a boarding house, but if you give a man a home to defend you can rely on him to be patriotic.

Why should not the land be free to every human being—just as free as air, as sunshine—one is as necessary as the other. What right has any person to more land than he can use? Who made the land? Was it made for a favored few? From whence came the title to the land? Will you say from the government? Then where did this mysterious

thing you call government get the title from? You have a warrant deed, you say. Such a thing does not exist—the government insists on the law of eminent domain, which reduced to simple words means that your title may be cancelled by the public at any time it sees fit to do so. You can well trust the government to treat you right, but by some scheme or other person may get your title from you. You have no guarantee from the government against that condition because the government is organized on individualistic lines by capitalist methods. Did you ever think that before the ignorant foreigner came to this continent with his no-American ideas, there was no such thing as a landless person here.

John F. Stark.

WHAT ABOUT THE MEDFORD PLAN?

G. C. HUNTER ASKS IF IT IS
NOT THE RIGHT PLAN?

A SOCIALIZED PUBLIC MARKET

Eliminating the Middleman and
Selling Goods at First Cost.

Elkhorn, Ore, June 11.

Editor Courier:—
What is wrong with this idea? The old sore-heads of the plutocratic stand-patter bunch will no doubt have some kind of a kick coming, somewhere, but the wise ones will take it as it comes, sing its praises, call it "progressive" and blind themselves to the fact that it is pure, unadulterated socialism.

The market at Medford is the first of its kind in the state, but I hope to live to see the day when there will be one of its kind in every city in the state. It is municipally owned and conducted, on a cost basis, with rules and regulations that will make it a public market in every sense of the word.

The new market building was erected at a cost of \$3000. In size it is 60x100 feet and is divided into stalls 6x8 feet, with cement floors, and running water in each stall.

These stalls will be rented by the city for 20 cents a day, \$1.00 a week, or \$3.00 a month. The market hours will be from 7:00 o'clock in the morning until 3:00 o'clock in the afternoon. Only actual products of the seller may be purchased or offered for sale in this market.

The following statement was made by George Putnam, publisher of the Medford Daily Tribune:

"The only people who are opposed to the market are the grocery-men. The grocery-men of Medford have been importing their produce, though local truck farmers have offered to supply them."

The market keepers' excuse has been that the local growers supply was not steady enough and could not be relied upon. The public market I think will disprove this idea.

We look to see the public market go a long way toward solving the high cost of living. The producer can go to the market with a load of stuff and dispose of it to the consumer without dealing with a lot of middlemen, whose profits would all be a burden on the ultimate buyer. The object is not to compete with the merchants carrying regular stocks of staple goods, and no permanent stocks will be permitted in the market. The idea is to get the Oregon producer closer to the Oregon consumer, and though there are some rough edges to the plan that must be worked off, I am satisfied that the plan will eventually prove a great success."

Now I would like to ask some of the wise guys a few questions:

1.—Is there any apparent reason WHY the Medford plan will not work out to perfection?

2.—If the produce stores in Medford can be owned and operated successfully by the city on a cost basis WHY cannot the railroads be successfully owned and operated on a cost basis by the government? Also the express, telephones, telegraphs, etc., in fact, all of the public utilities?

The postoffice is a Socialized public utility, and it could be operated much more cheaply than it is under the present system if the railroads were also Socialized, as that would do away with the profits which the railroads now make for carrying the mail.

About the only thing that I can see that is wrong with Socialism is, no one seems to understand it rightly, they always associate Socialism with Anarchy and violence. Why, bless your heart, anyone that would agitate any such thing would be kicked out of the Socialist party. Socialism is a political move and stands for the greatest good of the greatest number, and therefore will not tolerate violence in any form.

G. C. Hunter.

Mrs. Lela Love, wife of Wiley Love, a farmer living near Covena, Ga., says: "I have taken Foley Kidney Pills and find them to be all you claim for them. They gave me almost instant relief when my kidneys were sluggish and inactive. I can cheerfully recommend them to all sufferers from kidney troubles."

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WHAT IS THE USE?

SOME QUESTIONS FOR THINK-
ING MEN TO ANSWER.

Matters Furnished to the Courier
by the Socialist Committee.

Editor Courier:—
Here is an editorial from the Portland Journal that every man who is free or wants to be should read:

What is the use of continuing the wasteful process by which workmen now obtain compensation for damages in industrial accidents in Oregon?

What is the use of continuing to burden the courts with damage suits? Why have injured workmen continue to pay to lawyers huge percentages of damages awarded? Why continue to pay large sums to the casualty companies for industrial insurance?

There is a far better way. A commission of nine labored with the problem in Portland yesterday. It consists of three members from the grange, three from union labor and three from the employers. It is stated that there is good prospect of reaching an agreement that is satisfactory to all concerned. If so, a bill will be presented to the legislature for adoption.

The bald facts of the present useless waste should further an agreement. The employers for instance, are face to face with the fact that they must pay for industrial accidents. They now

community.

There is a common ground on which these interested but conflicting parties can meet. For their own protection they ought save the lawyers' fees. They ought to save the court fees. They ought to agree. They ought to save the casualty fees. They ought to ought to save all waste, and they can do it by agreeing on a measure that will be automatic in its operation and just to both sides in its provisions.

Why keep an every-day feature of industrial life in turmoil and turbulence by adherence to the present plan of waste and futility?

Yes, why should we, the creators of wealth, have to divide up with any other parasite? Why rob labor of any of its products? If the above is wrong (and it certainly is) what about the whole competitive system. Would not the Socialist contention of co-operation be better?

Will say now, just be reasonable and conscientious, admit the facts and go to the polls and vote likewise.

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THE COST OF LIVING.

And How Single Tax will Effect
the Eaters and Wearers.

Editor Courier:—

We will start with a calf, a yearling calf. The assessor assesses it and the man who raised the yearling pays the tax on it—that is tax No. 1. When the calf is a two-year-old it is taxed again—that is tax No. 2. When the calf becomes a three-year-old it is again taxed—and that is tax No. 3. Now we will pass over the butcher and the hide handler and to the tanner, for we are sure that it has to be kept long enough in the process of tanning to be taxed again—and that is tax No. 4. Then it goes to the tanned leather house, and whether this particular hide is kept long enough to be taxed or not, there are others that are, and so that is charged up to the expense anyway—so that is tax No. 5.

Now the wholesaler, the jobber, the retailer all add the taxes paid on their buildings and stock as expense, and there are a whole lot more things that are in the same class with the calf, the hide and finally the shoes, and don't you know, Mr. Consumer, that when you buy a pair of shoes you have to pay all these extra assessments, as charged to the expense which are really taxes collected about eight or nine times.

It has been said to me that the people will bury the single tax so deep this fall that it will never be resurrected. Well, I say that that may be, for that is according to history, for the reforms that the people think so well of now

them was what is the McKinley bill. This is politics. I never studied politics.

"Well," I replied "if that had been me I should have replied 'If you will scratch my back I will scratch yours.'" She failed because she thought a question of civil government was politics. And so the people have fallen down before now because they did not study civil government or economics. They are not politics.

Mr. Kelenhofer says the letter from the little hobo does not amount to anything and because he hides his identity. One reason may be that he can't work the mathematical calculation. If this is the reason, I will give him the answer. It is an average of 34 cents and two mills per acre, and this is not enough to hurt anyone half as bad as I would like to hurt the speculators. They are holding 80 per cent of the land in the county like the ugly dog in the manger. They won't have it cleared nor sell it cheap enough so that any one can afford to buy.

Now as to my hiding I have good cause to. I will tell Mr. Kelenhofer, but no one else. You see the way I get my pants. I go generally to a doctor. They only wear their pants a few times and then cast them off, and they are pretty good for a hobo like me. I was in town, not Oregon City, and I was in need of a pair of pants, so looking across the street I saw a doctor's sign and I thought "now there is the place to get a pair of pants," so I went over and up to the office and a lady came to the door and asked "what will you have today?" I replied "I would like to see Doctor Brown." "I am Doctor Brown," she replied "you know, I did not have grit enough to tell her what I had come after."

I guess you would hide too, if you had a joke like that turned on you.

O. C. H.

GLAD TIDINGS.

Geo. Daugherty has been hauling lumber from Giger Bros saw mill, his intention being to build an addition to his house. When completed it will be as substantial and commodious a residence as there is in this community.

Gill Giger, his wife, Mrs. Cora Schumaker, Ruben Beer and young Schumaker, visited Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Leyman.

F. O. Hiding, wife and son, Harold, of Molalla, passed Sunday in their new automobile, passing the day with his mother who resides in Marquam.

Ed. Albright has purchased a new automobile, and several others talk of investing in the near future.

An electric express wagon passed Sunday with 25 or 30 happy youngsters. Having their musical instruments with them, they sure appeared to be enjoying the day. They were from either Oregon City or Portland. It was the first vehicle of this description that we have seen in this vicinity lately.

The Glad Tidings school closed Friday, June 7, Miss Skeel, of near Monitor, teacher. She has taught eight months and appears to have given nearer general satisfaction than any teacher for several years past. On Friday morning she as usual rang the school bell at 8:30 and the scholars gathered in punctually at 9, appeared Walter Rowe, with his team and wagon, with sufficient seating capacity to accommodate the entire happy crowd of youngsters, who along with the schoolmaster sprang aboard, proceeding to the beautiful picnic grounds, situated at Monitor, on the banks of the Butte creek, where was awaiting them another school, and the two schools joined. It was said the exercises went off finely and every body had a splendid time. The day will be remembered for many years to come by the children who participated in those school exercises on the 7th day of June, 1912.

Ships with Special Facilities for Protection of Passengers.

From information received from the Southern Pacific Company, operating the steamship line between New York and New Orleans, we learn that passengers using that line need have no fear in case of accident. The life boat capacity of these ships has always been sufficient to accommodate all the passengers and crew, and the wireless equipment is such that the wireless room at all times, night or day, is in charge of an experienced operator. Notices are published in all state rooms, public rooms and in the steerage showing the assignment of occupants to specific boats, and all life boats are conspicuously numbered. Fire and boat drills are held at each port as well as on the first day out and passengers are invited to take part in them. Stewart's demonstrate how to attach life belts to the body. It is said that these are not new rulings, but have been in force on these ships for several years.

Man Coughs and Breaks Ribs.

After a frightful coughing spell a man in Neenah, Wis., felt terrible pains in his side and his doctor found two ribs had been broken. What agony Dr. King's New Discovery would have saved him. A few teaspoonful ends a late cough, while persistent use routs obstinate coughs, expels stubborn colds or heals weak, sore lungs. "I feel sure it is a Godsend to humanity," writes Mr. Effie Merton, Columbia, Mo., for I believe I would have consumed today if I had not used this great remedy." It is guaranteed to satisfy and you can get a free trial bottle or 50-cent or \$1.00 size at Huntley Bros. Co.

CLARKES.

Dave Bottemiller of Oregon City, visiting his uncle, W. H. Bottemiller and family last Sunday.

There was a party at W. G. Kleinsmith's Saturday night.

Mrs. Elmer Graves is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Larkins.

Mr. and Mrs. Maxson came home from Hood River last week.

William Marshall has sold his place to a Mr. Lewis from Canada.

Miss Irene and Erma Lee came home from Hood River last week.

Miss Elsa Elmer has returned to the high school in Portland after her recent illness.

W. H. Bottemiller took a load of potatoes to town last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Elmer visited at Mr. and Mrs. Hoag last Sunday.

Henry Kleinsmith was shearing sheep for Mr. Ley of Highland.

Lillian Yager had an operation performed on her throat last week.

Miss Elda Marquardt spent Sunday with Miss Hazel Ringo.

Rev. Pierce preached in the English M. E. church last Sunday evening.

Clarence Westfall from Portland is out visiting Mr. Tallman and family.

Charles Harrington went to Portland last week.

Dewey Grace was in town last week.

Henry Kleinsmith sheared sheep for F. Nicholas at Highland.

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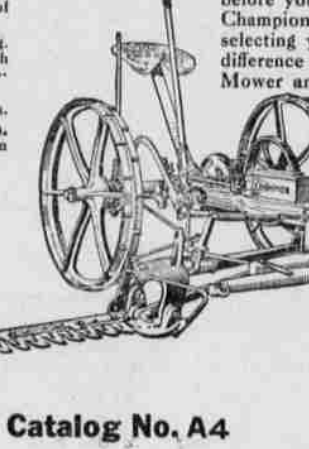
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