

CURRENT EVENTS.

And the Viewpoint from Which John Stark Sees Them.

B. F. O'Neil, of the suspended bank of Wallace, Idaho, was sentenced to the pen for a term of two to ten years.

About 8 years ago he was in the senate, elected by perhaps the most flattering majority given any man in the county.

Whereas the sterilization bill has passed at the legislature and has been duly signed by the governor and whereas the alleged and reputed author, Dr. Owens Hyphen Brainhair from Castratoria has been graciously permitted by his spectacular Excellency, to see him do it.

And whereas the governor has so recently broken out in a riot thereby placing himself in the confirmed criminal class.

Therefore, be it resolved that the aforesaid governor be promptly treated in the proper place and manner by the said Dr. Owens according to the laws made and provided by the sovereign state of Oregon.

In bygone years I have looked upon the Red Cross Society as being composed of persons who being opposed to militarism, yet powerless to prevent war, sought to mitigate its evil effects by administering to the sufferers as best they could.

Perhaps you have seen or heard of the shell game or three card monte, well, either or both are more honest than this fraud of red cross, even that depth of infamy and insult, the charity ball, has been backed off the map.

I am not much concerned over the personell of the cabinet, which is to eat of the public pie counter. Whoever the men are they must perform some certain well defined policies none of which will be of benefit to the working class, no matter what the circus posters in advance pretend.

When the farmers know enough to elect their own president and over half of the congressmen, they will get their just deserts. This begging political handouts is nonsense.

You no doubt have read about the little dispute in Mexico and which has been labeled revolution. That forcible word is often used with little reference to its real meaning.

We had an example of this split in the Republican party last year, which was in no sense a revolution, just a split in rulership. Perhaps it were well to remark that a revolution is not necessarily a resort to arms, neither is a resort to arms necessarily a revolution.

The big dollars talk of "protecting American interests in Mexico." There are no American interests in Mexico. All those interests confined within Mexican boundaries are Mexican interests.

sources of such country no matter if it be Mexico or the U. S.

Those of my fellow citizens who are looking for easy money must not count on this eld crusher to stand up for target practice for the delight of Greasers. When it comes to protecting American interests you may find me at the perilous and patriotic occupation of guarding my own chicken house.

Not so very long ago W. Wilson was a mendicant asking for charity from the Laird of Skibo, on the plea of being superannuated. On about February 15 I noticed that the press announced that he had become so dangerous as to require a detail of secret service men to watch him.

I am of the opinion that I am quite lonesome in this matter but I want to know by what theory of a free people it is, that the president in office, or elect, a set of gun men are required to dog his steps. I can imagine a condition like a civil war that perhaps would justify the employment of a bodyguard, but in times of peace I ask why for?

Have you noticed how one state legislature after another is discussing equal suffrage? Then there is direct legislation spreading almost over the whole country. When I read those reports and look back over fourteen years when I became the butt of ridicule by introducing that measure in the Idaho legislature, which was speedily killed, as those wise mikes imagined forever, I certainly smile to see the "old ark movin' along."

LOGAN.

The masquerade ball on Feb. 22 was a very successful affair and the young folks and some older folks, had a gay time.

There was an interesting meeting of Harding Grange March 1st. A good program was given and an interesting discussion of woman's suffrage was precipitated by the reading of magazine articles showing good results in Colorado.

There will be an arbor day meeting March 15 to improve the park and out about some trees and shrubbery. The next meeting of the Grange will be Old Folks' Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Newkirk, from Clackamas, were visiting E. Newkirk and family, Feb. 22. B. C. Hawly was in Logan last week and attended the grange meeting.

It is said that surveying is going on again around here and rumors of railroad building have revived. Some of these fine days rumors will materialize.

We hear that L. W. Hampton has sold his farm to C. B. Trotter. If true we are sorry to lose Mr. Hampton and family.

M. H. Rubhoff is erecting buildings and intends to operate a store at the cross roads, on Arthur's Prairie. A daughter from Portland will assist in the business.

Word is just received that George Reed, who once lived in Logan, has been accidentally killed in Sellwood by the falling of a broken trolley pole, just as he was getting off the car.

For the Salary Only.

Those county officials who have their salaries raised still higher show that they hold office only for money that can be squeezed out of it. But the ill-gotten gain will be offset by their loss of public esteem.

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MR. TERRILL ANSWERED.

An Idaho Subscriber and His Views of the Militia.

Burke, Idaho. Editor Courier:— In your issue of Jan. 14th I noticed an article by a Mr. Chas. F. Terrill concerning the militia of Oregon City; showing what Governor West did with the militia in closing up resorts.

Those who live at the north end of town can frequently see an aged woman enter town with a market basket on her arm. When I met her the other day my curiosity and sympathy were aroused, for a woman of her years does not carry a heavy basket for exercise on the graveled railroad over which other people ride in comfortable cars.

I accosted her and in the conversation which ensued I learned that she would ride like other people if her financial resources permitted the luxury. There was a naivete in the exuberance of her volubility, which fascinated me. In her was a blending of the simplicity of childhood and the wisdom of ages.

As I had nothing in particular to do I walked with her toward her home, for in her simple conversation I discovered a wealth of truth and wisdom, beside which the abstruse lecture of a college professor would seem mere bosh.

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peaceful Christ contempt and for "put thy sword" a sneer and for "thou shalt not kill" a merry ha ha and for justice absolutely nothing.

With apologies for the author of "War, what for?" I am yours for peace with justice, H. SIEBKEN

OLD TIME THRIFT.

Little Human Interest Story Written by an Observer.

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most pinching and self denial. It is the taxes—over \$20 every year. I can not see why it is so much. In the old country where there is a standing army to support, they would not tax property like ours for more than five dollars.

This woman, who has solved for herself, in her own way, the problem of the money trust, the meat trust, and all sorts of commercial and industrial trusts, stood helpless before the tax eaters' trust. She saw no way of escaping the remorseless fangs of this insatiable monster.

I had it on my lips to tell her that were it not for corrupt legislatures and unregulated graft of state, county and town officials and their hirelings, the taxes here would not be higher than in the old country. But I did not. It could only have aroused bitterness in her heart. In this case ignorance is bliss. What good would it do her to provoke the question whether there are enough honest men in Oregon from which to choose legislators who are free from corrupting lobbyists, who will not on the reciprocal basis "if you vote for mine I will vote for yours," squander still more money on officials who already compute their salaries in thousands paid by pinched poverty, which counts its pennies in tears?

A. FRANZEN.

WHERE SOCIALISM STANDS

Writer Explains its Relations to the Churches.

Socialism is not directly concerned with religion. It has no deal with economics, which expresses itself in political action. It is not dealing nor speculating

Socialism is the political expression?

Since the advent of the machine age the church appears to have to go out of touch to a large degree, with the working class, it no longer maintains the influence on the workers as it did in feudal society, it seems to have lost concern for them with the advent of the machine age, and has been lacking in her zeal for the downtrodden victims of this modern age, and instead of heeding the injunction "FEED MY LAMBS" has permitted them to be sold into the worst of slavery without a definite protest.

Today we hear complaints from the churches church to the lack of interest displayed by the working class toward it; the trouble seems to be the conviction on the part of the worker, that the church is too aristocratic.

He criticises her for allowing herself to be dominated by a social system that is the antithesis of the teachings of the Nazarene, and are not in accord with the principle of human brotherhood; he is unable to understand how a Christian can be content with the conditions of life and labor under which the mass of the poor are struggling for existence, and why he fails to join in a movement for alleviating these conditions.

He sees the necessity of the church lining up with the labor movement, and realizes no greater calamity could befall it than to find itself of this great world movement.

Many clergymen, who are forced into contact with the lives of the poor and exploited in our industries are coming in to this movement, but the church as a whole seems to be waiting until the victory of the workers is assured, before committing itself to their cause; but the Church will soon be forced to take a definite stand in this crisis, and doubtless this ecclesiastical institution will be rent with strife. Only by a severance of this material bond, can the church function in the work which tradition and the Christian faith has inspired in its followers.

The victory of the Socialistic movement will mean the cutting loose of the church from its capitalistic and political power, but would leave unimpaired its spiritual and ethical mission. The real liberty and power of the Christian minister would not be interfered with, only his professional status would disappear, he would be left free to teach and preach as his intelligence and conscience dictated to him and there would be no incentive to hypocrisy.

The Christian believer would find in the triumph of socialism a much greater liberty for his church, a wider opportunity for expressing his ideas and sentiments would be greatly increased, being economically secure he would have an opportunity to acquaint himself with the different religious ideas, and could choose the one in accord with his personal views unhampered by a fixed creed or dogma.

Socialism puts no obstacles in the way of the developments of the individual who is seeking the truth. F. CRABTREE.

The Forty Year Test.

An article must have exceptional merit to survive for a period of forty years. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy was first offered to the public in 1872. From a small beginning it has grown in popularity until it has attained a world wide reputation. You will find nothing better for a cough or cold. Try it and you will understand why it is a favorite after a period of more than forty years. It not only gives relief—it cures. For sale by Huntley Bros Co.

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GRANGE ON TAXATION.

Declaration That No Property, Real or Personal, Be Exempt.

The following are certain basic principles upon which the grange may stand and around which it may gather its defensive and offensive forces, leaving details to be worked out as best they may:

First—Since taxation is necessary for the enforcement of laws for the protection of property, individual or corporate, therefore no property, either real or personal, which is protected by law should be exempt from taxation except such property as is specifically exempt by the state constitution.

Second—In order to secure equality in the distribution of the burdens of government if any personal property is to be exempt from taxation on account of the indefiniteness of the owner thereof, then all kinds of personal property and real estate should be entitled to the same exemption.

Third—There should be no exemption of any species of property, either real or personal, from taxation for local purposes except such as is exempt by the constitution.

Fourth—All corporation real estate and personal property to be taxed for local purposes, same as the same kind of property is taxed when owned by individuals.

Fifth—The local tax of transportation property to be levied on a valuation at the same rate as other property. Each taxation unit to receive such part of the tax as the miles of the corporation in said unit is to the total mileage.

Sixth—Every possible precaution should be taken to secure equality of assessment between individuals and between the assessment districts.

Seventh—No city shall be permitted to make a separate assessment, and all property everywhere shall be uniformly assessed at its fair cash value.

Eighth—We favor the enactment of a law that will secure a fair and equitable taxation of all lands and all other corporate property, whether personal or real, upon the basis that other property is taxed. We reaffirm the position taken in the report of the committee made by Brother Spence, chairman in 1911, as follows:

"We believe that the tariff should be so regulated that it shall not cover more than the difference between the cost of material at home and abroad, and if we are to have free trade for one we should have free trade for all. And, further that when the manufacturer or dealer of any article becomes monopolized the tariff be removed from such article."

We believe all internal revenue taxes should be confined to luxuries and that an increase of internal revenue tax should be placed on all malt and intoxicating beverages.

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