

A NEW ERA COMING

A Social and Economic Change Will Bring Hope and Happiness

"While on the way to this spot small dew drops, collected from the mist of paths, were forming on her eyelashes and now, when she realized her disappointment, a torrent of tears swept over her cheeks, as she knelt in utter helplessness. Presently she perceived someone present and looking up she saw a young man. 'They have taken my Lord away and I know not where to find him,' she wailed."

For nearly two thousand years has this the mystery been kept from the world. There was, in that far away country, a time when the iron heel of the oppressor was unfeelingly crushing the toiling mass of mankind; was exploiting for the benefit of a leisure class. Tribute was exacted from commerce as well as upon the laborer until despair, deep and terrible, was everywhere among the people. At last a woman of the most degraded of the working class aroused hope in the hearts of her fellow-creatures by proclaiming that her son, the child born in midst of the tax collecting season, should deliver the land from the oppressor. Born amidst the uncomfortable surroundings, growing up in distressing poverty, the boy grew up with a desire which he had drawn from his mother's breasts, for freedom. Coming from a race who had known of the yoke of the taskmaster on a previous occasion, he felt keenly the degradation of being enslaved upon his native soil by the foreign invader.

Mary was not the only one to weep over the fallen champion of the poor and oppressed. The poet sang:—
She's far from the land where her young hero sleeps,
While lovers about her are sighing,
Sadly alone she sits and she weeps,
For her heart in his grave it is lying.

But Mary, following the custom of her time and place, sought his grave. Spice she brought and sweet perfume. We are told he was resurrected. Yes. But instead of the class conscious working man; this fierce agitator, who stirreth up the people, the cunning priests and politicians have given us a highly embellishing counterfeit, who eagerly went to his death, to a sort of a suicide, principally for spectacular purposes. If we are to believe the eminent apologetists for that band of high finance exploiters, and red handed murderers, who accomplished this most tragic crime known to the history of white men.

We may well admire the bold and cunning plot to mislead the workers, which has been highly successful for the past eighteen centuries, for today millions of people are being calmly and easily robbed of the fruits of their labor by the parasitic class, under the lofty pretense that, if we but submit to poverty and distress in the present life, we are to have a fine old time after we are dead. I observe however the hold-up twins and their liege overlords have arms long enough to reach for the good things in sight. These eminent gentlemen take no chances on the future. Let us follow their wise example.

It might not be out of place to inquire where, and by whom this spurious Christ was substituted for the real working man who dodged the police until finally a bribe by the church dignitaries put them in possession of his person by night so they might accomplish the crime before "the people" should get next to the job.

Come with me out on the road to Damascus and I will show you the first highwayman who began to pave the way for the cunning gents to work the film flam.

A young man of high intellectual attainments is here riding by. He has a traditional contempt for the poor and ignorant working man; he is on a mission for his masters to bait the followers of the Galilean. His masters let me say, are the exploiting class who rule the Roman empire and rob the world. He is at once a Jew and also a Roman citizen, a rare combination. He performs his task after the popular Roman manner, of which the big stick is a suggestive method.

He saw a light, so he tells us, while he was planning his Damascus campaign. The light he saw was to follow up the Judas method and betray those hated Communists with a kiss. Being an educated politician it was easy for him to become "the working sleek and slick scoundrel with which this country is cursed at present. He, instead of driving them from cover to cover, will lead them. It is easier, Bright idea. No wonder he was blinded for three days.

It does not take him long by his eloquence and dash, to attract some following. We had almost a parallel in many ways in the last campaign. From him we do not hear any fierce denunciations of the rich. No longer is the slave master pilloried. Instead we read "servants obey your masters." The real masters were the Roman invader and exploiters and he in league with the local rich and well to do among whom were notably the church dignitaries, who then, as now, were hand in glove with the rulers and robbers of the working class.

As an offset we see the personal morals made much of in the propaganda of this wily pharisee, which it is well to bear in mind, were well established traits of character, among this rapidly growing workmen's union. It is also well to remark that was a marked contrast to the life habits of the rulers then as now.

Contrast again the teachings of this polished intriguer with the noted workman who had perished in the attempt to wrest the government from the hands of the spoiler. The latter said: 'thy kingdom come thy will be done on earth. While the former began to teach us to fold our hands—incidentally the robber had easy access to our pockets; so that "the people have returned to the fold of their master; to the taper-lit temples to the incense laden air; to the soul polluting indolence and servitude. Then are the temples as burrows wherein the souls of men are hunted rabbits.

This apostate Jew was applying

the dope in his academic way in marked contrast to "the real redeemers and revolvers" who have ever come as revolutionists, denouncing the temple and declaring that God dwelleth in the fellowship of men, in the sunrise and field flowers—and little children."

The good work started, in such a far sighted way by Saul, was ably carried out by others, even while the government was having grand holidays by feeding these revolutionary slaves to wild beasts, finally falling in suppression and being surrounded by intriguers the "holy" emperor put the astute "church leaders" on the public payroll and the conspiracy triumphed.

Now the Lord that was taken away from that simple Galilean girl, was completed by the lamb of God. Now it was easy for the rich men. No more the bugle call of human rights rings in the established church, it has again become the rendezvous of the money changers. You will find them in the front pews; their purses are ever open to the high priests of Mammon, who, like the true footpad, commands hands up held to God while his footstool has been stolen from under our feet. Yes, strain your eyes on yon dim and distant shore, so the rich robber can easily pick your pockets. These are facts my brothers of toil. Facts are stubborn things. Truth has always been stranger than fiction and ever more unpopular than lies.

In taking my position I am aware that arrayed against me are all the pets of privilege; all the false meaning persons who have been falsely taught that others might reap where the honest trusting had sown.

But if the carpenter by the sea of Galilee could dare to defy those multiplied powers for evil, why should I falter to tell the truth, even if I must tell it lone? For a little leaven will soon raise the loaf and thereby the loafer may be sent to eat the bread in the sweat of his own face. Is it worth while?

Now one more word to those of my fellows who have failed as yet, to come out of the hypnotic sleep. I have been in your position for a full generation and I know all the doubts and fears which have gripped the soul of mankind. I am not at war with any individual or any creed. My goal is freedom. I know the tree by its fruit for I have eaten of the dead sea fruit of an unjust system and I am trying to knock some of the props from under it.

Surely an economic system which rewards honest toil with rags, is wrong; which repays virtue with hunger and suicide is high crime against all things that are good. Are you one to help abolish it? Then let me give you this motto: In the sign of the cross conquer! See to it on election day you use the cross in the interest of humanity. We have had the rule of the dollar these many ages and to me it seems the shell of the old system is about to burst asunder. Then the time will come when Mary will find her Lord and not longer be shown the fantastic imitation.

If I misread not the signs of the times we are approaching an era, when we will have religion of life, in place of the church, the passing days' religion of death. As yet the church says "live as the everyday was to be your last." In the coming time we will have a religion which will say "live, as tho you were living forever."

Small wonder many people hurry out of life and more others long for death to take them out of this hell on earth. I can well remember when the thoughtless laughter of childhood displeased God the father. Not so with that full-blooded revolutionist who was killed like a slave, and then substituted with a counterfeit.

It may be necessary to many readers to point out that the change will not come as a religious movement, but strictly as a social and economic movement. Be sure you bear that in mind no matter what phase the development may seem to take the underlying cause is economic. Many misleading side issues will be brought in to distract the mind, and will often be successful to "deceive even the elect." Such efforts may be seen in an attempt to arouse and array a part of the people against some sect. A very strong movement to that purpose is on foot at present. While the charges against this particular sect may be true, it is however nothing more than the old motto of the exploiter class, to divide and conquer.

I am optimistic of the outcome—that out of the movement which in the near present will develop rapidly and provoke much harsh feeling and many bitter words, births are all attended with trials and travail, will emerge a new era for mankind. An era of hope and happiness of universal brotherhood, whose want and misery of the chronic type, will be unknown, for this warm, fruitful earth brings forth abundance even under the present chaotic state of human effort; where only a portion of the people are employed in productive effort. The imagination can not grasp what the result would be, even were all the human forces now occupied in useless, or destructive efforts, recalled and employed to bring forth useful and glad things.

That time is night at hand when the whole earth is on a breathless expectancy. It only remains for man to take the opportunity at its foot. Strong hearts, which fear not, must come forward, so that those who have been blinded by the lies of the past may see the way clear.

"Shall we, whose souls are lighted, With wisdom from on high, Shall we to men benighted, The lamp of light deny?"

JOHN STARK

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OUR MENACE

The Greatest Question Before Our People, Says a Lady Voter

Now that women are expected to share equally with man in the political questions of the day, it will aid us one and all to discuss matters pertaining to the welfare of the public through the columns of the newspapers, as that is the easiest way of reaching the masses. Each one of us should try to write or talk on some question which we think of vital importance and brings out new theories for or against as the subject may require, for in this way we may do more in advancement, than by the ballot.

I want to say that I think politics generally are not understandable to the average woman. But some things we may learn and more things we may learn each one must put forth their best endeavors as well as being helpmates in our homes; be also helpers in our national affairs. I never asked for suffrage. I care not to vote and to disagree with the male population in regard to a problem, it will avail us nothing if we fail in convincing that our point of view is an improvement on some old practice or custom that has long been established, or only considered from a monetary standard with the far reaching results unconsidered.

In my estimation the liquor problem stands first in this class, as its production and consumption causes a large circulation of money. It is money that induces the manufacturer's and dealers to enter the field. They care not for the wrecked manhood and ruined homes that result from their business. For the law made by men sanctions and protects them. It is a well known fact that the officers of the law in the past have favored

seem to know any better? We are told that there are laws that regulate the liquor traffic and that minors are not allowed in saloons. That one clause would be a boon if always enforced but often it is evaded and winked at to such an extent that it does but little good. It is a well known fact that boys and young men drink to a ruinous extent and the greater portion of the drinking men become enslaved to the habit before they reach an age of discretion and are more to be pitied than blamed.

The fact that there is a clause in the law that excludes the youths from the saloon is positive proof that it is not good for their physical or moral well being. Then if we have common sense we must concede that if it is so bad for the young, it can not possibly be good for the mature man. Then why should the men to whom we are looking for precepts for the young maintain and visit an institution which the law decries is not fit for the youths to frequent?

Yet I know the plea for the money that it brings into circulation to improve and beautify the city, but if one sifts the matter down to a scientific basis then see what is being paid for beauty and improvement. The saloon pays a generous license and draws its income from where? It often draws the money away from needy families, leaving them without proper support and training, making more frequenters for the saloon, slowing broadcast for future fines, crimes and lawsuits drawing money into circulation to beautify and build up for grandeur.

But, my fellow citizens, at what an expense of human suffering and soul destruction? This is not just talk for the sufferers from very shame cry not aloud.

vocate the rising generation as an initiative remedy. I could write a whole chapter on this. It will make a good subject for another article—educating the future generation would be better than nothing but too slow.

There are many who are growing old who want to realize the long cherished hope before they die. Can't we do this thing sooner? Isn't there someone capable and willing to lead us to a haven of safety?

Now is someone's opportunity. We must talk, write and agitate for in united effort lies success.

Hoping to hear from others I am,
MRS. G. W. WALDRON

NORTH LOGAN

Mr. Homer Rioums was a pleasant visitor of Mr. Cummins here Wednesday.

Fred Mink was in town Wednesday to see George Sagar on business.

Mr. Smith, a Portland capitalist and his party, were here looking at the mill and timber. They came out by automobile.

Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. Cummins were calling on Mrs. Cheynoths.

J. B. Cummins went to Oregon City an Portland hursday on business.

Miss Mabel Cummins spent a very pleasant time visiting Miss Jola Johnson Monday night.

Ed Stanton and his sister Grace, were callers at the Cummins place to see Miss Grace Gossa Thursday evening.

Mr. James Barry of San Francisco, Cal., is visiting at Cummins Mill with Wm. Sagar, as they are old time friends. Mr. Barry at time was feather weight champion boxer of New York City and later on was starred through the U. S. and Canada by

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If the consumers could see how much worse than foolish they are, spending their money and the majority of the rinking class are common working men, and their dependants need all their earnings. But few men can retain their competency and drink even the modern drinker is viewed with distrust, his employer watches him with a critical eye and all reliable employers or corporations prefer workmen who do not drink, even the saloon proprietor prefers a bartender who abstains.

These facts prove that drink is a great detriment, many men lose valuable propositions on account of inebriety.

The triper that comes home to his family in a maudlin condition eventually will lose the respect of his family. All mothers want to speak to her children with pride of their father, and point to his example with approval. Let us consider what it means to a man to be deprived of his wife's respect and confidence; to also receive her rebuke. Such conditions will lead to an estrangement and neither will live their best; the bringing up of their children will suffer in consequence.

The results of liquor drinking are too numerous and far reaching to be scarcely mention in such an article as I write. But we have all seen its effects with heartburning shame on the young boys, all the way up to the old gray haired man and, if each person who believes the liquor traffic justifiable would, on seeing man or boy intoxicated, just imagine the imbricate a near member of their own family, perhaps it would help them to see the injustice that has been done ALL THESE YEARS to the helpless human beings, women and children.

Would it not be better to draw the money in some other way that would not leave such bad effects behind? We know the drinking man clings to the privilege to drink as a bear hugs a hot teakettle. The more it burns the tighter he hugs; jealousy guarding his independence, his liberty without any regard to the suffering it brings to those who are not able to help themselves.

Is not this oppression? This liquor curse has thriven and grown under the management of the men of these glorious United States and there is room to doubt that it is in accord with the constitution, as it is oppression of the weaker members of her citizens.

This blight on our people is supported by money power and ignorance. And I defy anyone to prove that it is less a shame on our country than was negro slavery. The slave holders of old sold children away from parents into bondage. The saloon of these latter days with subtle power draws young men to a bondage more degrading.

The negro was pitied and aided to freedom while thousands of young men, whom liquor has debased, leaving all their best qualities, leaving but the coarser, baser nature and what might have been noble men, are treated with scorn and indifference by citizens—indulged and used as cats paws by politicians. The open saloon is a refuge—winding its silken bonds about them until the poor drinker, like the proverbial moth that to the candle flies to scorch its wings until it dies," while the families of these victims look on in helplessness and anguish.

Under these conditions where would we find the most suffering, in the uneducated negroes of earlier days or in the more cultured white race of the present time? Each fair minded citizen, man or woman, ought to feel it their duty to do all in their power to clean this pestilence from our country. Some ad-

Hacken-Backs Circus. He was also four seasons with Cambells Bros. Show. He expects to join Ringling Bros. in Portland this summer. While doing an athletic stunt at Spokane some two months ago, Mr. Barry had the misfortune to break his collar bone and dislocated his shoulders and has just come out of the hospital.

GORHAM BRIDGES

We are asked to correct a notice of the death and burial of Gorham Bridges, published in the Enterprise, which stated that he died in the county hospital after a lingering illness.

Mr. Bridges died in his little cabin on Fourteenth and Jefferson streets, after an illness of two weeks. He was buried in Mountain View cemetery, in a lot with his own mother and sister. Jack Gleason, Miss Martha Parker, James Ford and Mrs. C. J. Parker accompanied him to the cemetery.

Mr. Bridges was born in Maine, and was 78 years old at the time of his death. He came to Oregon in 1850, and has been a resident since. His grandfather was Sir John Bridges of England. The little cabin which was his home was donated by C. J. Parker and the lot by John Loder. He was attended during his illness by Court Matron, Mrs. C. J. Parker and Dr. J. W. Norris.

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SETTLERS SHOULD STICK

Congressman Lafferty's Advise to Men Living on Railroad Lands

The Courier has had many letters and inquiries from subscribers in the eastern part of the county (from men who are settlers on the railroad lands in litigation) asking for any further information on this matter. It will be recalled that Judge Wolverton has decided that these lands do not belong to the railroads, as they have not lived up to their contracts.

From exchanges, attorneys and other sources we learn that there are probably 500 bona fide settlers on those railroad lands in Oregon, who are apprehensive that they have lost all rights through the decision. Representative Lafferty of Portland, advises them to stick to their claims and await the decision of the supreme court or the future action of congress.

Writing to George A. Hall, of Monroe, Mr. Lafferty says: "That if the decision of Judge Wolverton shall be affirmed by the supreme court, exception will undoubtedly be made by the courts as to those particular tracts shown to have been settled upon in good faith prior to the decision."

Writing further, Mr. Lafferty says: "I think this will certainly be true if you reary up your appeal to the supreme court and show that you were a bona fide settler prior to that date. "Furthermore if the supreme court should fail to protect the bona fide settlers and should forfeit all of the grant to the United States, congress, in opening the land to settlement, would undoubtedly protect all those who were bona fide settlers thereon prior to April 28, 1913, the date of Judge Wolverton's decision.

"Therefore I strongly advise all those who were settlers prior to that

date not to abandon their claims. They should band together and prosecute their appeal. If the case is prosecuted in good faith by the government, it will be decided in the supreme court within twelve months.

"It may yet turn out that the supreme court will decide in favor of compelling the railroad company to sell the land for \$2.50 an acre, rather than forfeit it to the United States. In this latter case, those who are bona fide settlers on the land will get the right to purchase the tracts by them settled upon. But in no event will those persons who have merely made application, or who may hereafter make application, unaccompanied by actual bona fide settlement in a house on the land, coupled with bona fide improvements thereof, acquire any rights whatever. The law did not say that the lands should be sold to "actual applicants," but to actual settlers. Therefore, those who have parted with money merely to have their "applications" filed have been swindled. I have taken this position for the last seven years and have urged the department of justice to prosecute, criminally, those persons who have obtained money for filing applications, but it has refused to do so."

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