

SOCIALISTS' DEPARTMENT

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The Unemployed Problem

All unemployed workers in this land know that there is plenty for every one. They know that there is every facility for producing all and abundantly more than we can consume. They know also that they (a very large multitude) are disinherited from the land from which must come the sustenance of all life. They see opportunity closed to them on every hand. It is folly for any one to say there is plenty of opportunities to work when the store houses are crowded to overflowing and the salesmen are crying out their goods at "reduced prices" with the hope of staying off their creditors through sales of their wares. Everybody knows that something is radically wrong.

Since the advent of the machine, a man (more often a woman or child) can produce enough for ten persons to comfortably live upon. When we have this fact staring us in the face, why do we not use our reasoning faculties and really THINK. Until we set about a reformation, which in reality consist of a revolution of the system from which this social disease has arisen, we will find our condition growing steadily worse and worse as it has been doing for 100 these years, and this and all other nations will go down again a decent condition through bloody revolution.

We are not an alarmist. We are talking facts. The country life knows little of the city. There are NOW in the city of Portland from 1,000 to 1,500 men and some women who are and have to be fed by donations from those who have. Many, very many, beside these are not employed. This number is multiplied into millions throughout the civilized world.

We are also, at this time, in the active beginning of a state-wide campaign. But one of the candidates—Mr. U'Ren—the socialist party nominee by convention and do not enter the primaries) of all nominees has declared for the relief of this condition. All others have, apparently, their eyes on the voter for his support along other lines. The great issue is entirely overlooked by them.

It is not the liquor question, however meritorious, that is destroying us. It is not taxes, however high, that will menace the future civilization. It is neither this that or the other. It is the growing unrest of the disinherited and unemployed, standing hungry, naked and cold in plain view of burdened shelves, of bursting granaries and heaped piles of fuel that they and others have wrought to produce, and politicians offer nothing to relieve the situation but the giving of "ALMS."

Later the Socialist party will come forth as a political party, asking for your consideration of this same problem. They will declare, even more emphatically than Mr. U'Ren that which is destroying our civilization. They will be supported by every economic student who understands our national ills. The vote will be a vote of protest—education—against present conditions. We wonder how many working men and women, who do not understand the socialist philosophy, but have some insight and enlightenment on this unemployed situation, will stand for the next greatest champion of their rights against that horde of office seekers who have nothing to offer for the greatest evil that afflicts society?

Proportional Representation

As noted in the Equity Department of the 33d inst. of this paper, a talk was given before the state convention of that body, by the writer of this department of the subject of submitting a proportional representation measure to the people at the next general election. The favorable endorsement by that body lends staunch moral support to the measure and it will be pressed to a finish.

are now considering the same proposition (to submit) and in due time there will appear a measure fully equipped for petition signatures. Let it be understood that this matter has been independently instituted and that no political party, union or league takes charge of its management.

It is intended by this independent initiative to relieve the proposition from partisan prejudice. It might otherwise bear were it originated by and managed by a political or other organization. The chief manager and the one who will file the measure is a young woman public school teacher and law student of Portland schools. Her name will appear and she will take charge as soon as she may be able to adjust some other matters now pending in her affairs.

It is planned, through the independent action, to enlist each candidate for primary nomination for governor, either for or against this measure and bring it squarely before the people in the primary campaign. There will be no dodging the issue on the part of these nominees as the matter will be put squarely up to them for their action in the endorsement or rejection of the measure. Speakers will go into the field with petitions and bring out an active discussion on the measure.

The primary nomination of the gubernatorial candidates will be considered by the electors on their attitude toward this measure.

The A. B. C. of Socialism

By Allan L. Benson.

A Socialist is a human being like yourself. Socialists propose to do the same things that are now being done—plow the earth, plant, cultivate, harvest and garner food stuffs, slaughter animals, cure and distribute meats, foods, operate factories and mines, conduct transportation systems, etc.

Socialists propose to do these things as they are now being done with such added improvements as may be invented from time to time.

The difference between the present system and Socialism is solely in the ownership of the tools and machinery for the production of wealth. Socialism demands that the tools and machinery for the production of wealth shall be owned collectively by the whole people instead of being owned by individuals and corporations.

It is because of the individual and corporate ownership of the tools of production and the machinery of distribution that a few individuals have the power to rob the many. Socialism does not propose to divide a single dollar's worth of wealth, or anything else, between all the people or any part of the people; it proposes to destroy the present system under which a few individuals compel the whole working class to divide up with them to the extent of more than three-fourths of all the

wealth their labor produces. Socialism proposes to do this thru the public or collective ownership of the machinery of production and distribution of the wealth that the working class creates.

Without the individual ownership of the machinery of production of wealth the capitalist class, by whatever means the majority may decide upon. The people can not take over the factories, mines, shops, railroads and other utilities necessary to their economic liberty and welfare, which the law now recognizes as belonging to the capitalist class, until a majority of the voters decide in favor of such a course, and when a majority have so decided that majority alone can decide upon the method of doing it, and it matters not what method may be decided upon the majority will rule. The method is a minor detail.

Briefly, Socialism is a scientific system to prevent any one man from robbing any other man of the fruits of his labor.

WANT TO GO TO THE FAIR?

Industrial Fairs will give Some Boys trip to 'Frisco and Salem

N. C. Maris, of Portland, who is field worker for Industrial Fairs, has arrived in this city and is working in the interest of the county fairs, especially that of the Panama Exposition to be held at San Francisco in 1915. Monday Mr. Maris, accompanied by the County School Superintendent, J. E. Calavan, visited the schools of Canby and Molalla, and on Tuesday the schools of West Linn and Willamette were visited. Wednesday Concord and Jennings Lodge schools were visited and it was the intention to visit the Milwaukie schools, but on account of heating apparatus this school will be visited at a later date. At all the schools thus far visited enthusiasm has been manifested among the pupils, and the assistance of all eligible ages, between 10 and 19 years, has been secured. All are to strive for the grand prize, this being a trip to the Panama Exposition. The object is to form a club among the children.

The boys will grow corn, potatoes and various kinds of produce, besides and to interest them in the manual training classes, while the girls will be interested in textile and domestic science work.

Among the prizes offered the boys beside the trip to the Exposition, is a trip to the Oregon State Fair, where they will be allowed to remain for a week at the expense of the state. A campus will be arranged for the boys.

Thursday Mr. Maris was accompanied by Brenton Vadder, a supervisor of Clackamas County, and they visited the Wilsonville school and other schools of the county. Saturday they attended an institute at Canby, where they gave talks in regard to the plans to be carried out by the children.

Parent-Teachers' Meeting

The fourth business meeting of the Parent Teachers' Association of Union Hall will be held at the school house Friday February 20 at 2:30 P. M.

All parents and others interested in the school and social life of the district are earnestly requested to be present. A short program will be rendered.

Colliers, the most fearless and best edited weekly magazine in the U. S., and the Courier, both one year for \$2.50. Collier's alone was formerly \$5.50.

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Ten Acre Tract

At West Scio. All in cultivation and nicely improved. 8 roomed house Plastered. Cement foundation. Large Circular Porch on three sides. Nice fireplace, Pantry and Closets. Two large halls, Good woodshed and well. Pump on back Porch. Barn, Chicken House and Run. Young Orchard of assorted fruit for family use. Will trade for Oregon City property to \$2,500. Bal. Cash or mortgage.

2 Acres

Large, new, unfinished house. Land lies nice and is well located. Fenced and Cultivated. \$1000.; \$800. down, bal. terms.

3 Lots. Molalla Ave. 5 Roomed House. Good Well. Small Barn and Stable. \$1,000.; \$500. down, bal. in two years.

1 lot 50x100. 4 room Plastered House, Rustic Sideboarding, City Water. Good Location. \$900.; \$100. down, bal. \$10. per month. Young man, why pay rent?

1 1-5 Acres

7 roomed New House. Modern throughout. House worth \$1,700. 100 young bearing Peach trees, 5 Pear and 6 Cherry trees. Good Chicken and woodshed. Rustic sideboarding. Well Painted. Small fruits, Gooseberries, Raspberries, etc. Good Well on back Porch \$2,500.; \$1,000. down, bal. time.

LOT 90 x 100—Beautiful home, reception hall, living room, dining room, kitchen, pantry and bathroom; 2 rooms up stairs, 2 large closets. Back and front porches, 5 minutes' walk from car line in incorporated city. Water in yard and house plumbed but not connected. This is the best home buy around at \$2,250.00. Will take small house and lot as part payment.—Macdonald & VanAuken.

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An Extraordinary Purchase and Sale of Beautiful New Laces and Printed Chiffons

Lowest Prices ever quoted in this City for Equal Quality Goods

Few women will care to miss this extraordinary Lace Sale, coming as it does right at a time when Fashion demands that laces shall be used in profusion. Only by a very fortunate purchase of an enormous assortment from an overstocked importer are we enabled to offer such beautiful Laces and Chiffons at such wonderful price reductions. Prices like these usually occur at the end of the season, rarely at the beginning. Many more items besides those quoted in this announcement—JUST AS BIG BARGAINS AS THOSE MENTIONED HERE—will be found piled high on special display tables and counters in our Lace Section. But come early for first choice, as the quantities of some are limited. Come and see how well it will pay you to attend this sale.

Dainty and Exquisite 14- to 27-Inch Shadow Lace Flouncings—4 Great Lots Lot 1—Values to 25c Lot 2—Values to 48c Lot 3—Values to 68c Lot 4—Values to 98c 65c; at, yard..... 25c \$1.25; at, yard..... 48c \$1.75; at, yard..... 68c \$2.25; at, yard..... 98c

Fashion has decreed this season that Lace Flouncings are to be in the greatest demand, and at this sale you may choose from an enormous variety of dainty and exquisite patterns—the popular Shadow Laces—shown in white, cream and ecru and from 14 to 27 inches wide—they are the finest of imported silk-finished laces, fresh, clean and beautiful—that may be matched in wide and narrow widths, and we have priced them for this sale tomorrow AT ABOUT ONE-THIRD OF THEIR ACTUAL WORTH

A REALLY REMARKABLE SHOWING OF NEW ORIENTAL LACE FLOUNCINGS, 14 to 45-inch widths, Specially Underpriced now 98c - \$7.50

Fresh from the looms of the world's best lace makers come these fine Flouncings, to you, far below real worth; hundreds of elegant designs to select from, worked in fine nets, in white, cream, ecru and in dainty combinations of gold and ecru; every pattern of a light weight and as dainty as possible; all widths, in matched patterns, from 14 to 45 inches. A pattern and quality to suit every taste and purse. 98c UP TO \$7.50 A YARD.

Allover Oriental Laces, Values to \$2.50 All light weight laces in small dainty patterns, in white, cream and ecru; dozens and dozens of designs that will immediately appeal to you; regular values to \$2.50 yard. For 98c this sale, special at..... 98c

Fine Oriental Edges, Val. to 75c, Now 25c Fine Oriental edges, from 3 to 9 inches wide; practically an unlimited variety to select from, in white, cream and ecru; all new laces, that were made to sell regularly up to 75c yard. Priced at..... 25c

Sensational Underpricing of Printed Chiffon, Reg. \$1.50-\$2; Conventional Designs

For your own satisfaction, you should not fail to see this wonderful showing of the popular new printed chiffons. They are of perfect, delicate weaves, full 45 inches wide, and shown in charming new patterns, in dainty colorings; both floral and conventional designs without number. They come in shades of blue, pink, mauve, lavender and other colors, in light, medium and dark ground. With the new season's seeing before you, this is a very opportune sale, and one that few women will care to miss. You have your choice from regular \$1.50 to \$2.00 qualities. This sale at 89c

Black Chantilly Laces, Specially Priced Black Silk Laces, Special at \$1.25 to 2.25

Just unpacked a complete new line of much wanted Black Chantilly Laces, especially desirable for millinery purposes; all widths, from 2 to 6 inches, and all new patterns. Priced for this sale from 25c TO 75c YARD.

An unusually fine lot of Black Silk Laces in the popular shadow and Chantilly patterns; all widths, from 18 up to 26 inches wide. Laces that will wear well and retain their luster. Priced for this sale from \$1.25 UP TO \$2.50 YARD.

Francis Robinson Dead Francis Earl Robinson, aged 16 years, passed away at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John V. Robinson at 1018 Molalla Avenue, Monday, after a year's illness. The remains were embalmed and shipped to Chicago, Ill., where they will be interred beside those of his mother and sister in the family lot. Martin Robinson and wife, of Chicago and aunt of the deceased, accompanied the remains to the former home of their nephew. They arrived in this city in January, having been summoned by his critical illness. The funeral services, which were largely attended, were conducted at St. John's Catholic church Tuesday morning. Rev. A. Hillebrand officiating. The casket was covered with beautiful flowers from many friends of the lad and family.

CANBY ITEMS

The new addition that is being built to the furniture store is well under way. There is also some work being done on the streets of Canby. Harry Cochran is clearing some land on his place. Mrs. John H. Burns returned here a few days ago. She has been visiting her daughter Mrs. Joseph Daniels, who lives down on Wallace Island on the Columbia river. There are at present several cases of measles in this locality. There are three grubbing machines here, all close together, and if they are all used, there ought to be some land cleared in this place. A new family moved to Mr. Hunt's place here lately. Rollins Porter moved in his new house several days ago. Mr. Baly is building a large house on his property which he purchased some time ago. Mr. Philippine has his new ground all plowed. Mr. Jake Smith expects to work for Mr. Lucke in his warehouse. Roscoe Mack is building a new house on his town property. If all the new fences are built which are being talked about now, it will certainly help the looks of things around here.

TWO HOME WOMEN TALKED ABOUT HAIR

Two women met in our store the other day, when one of them said: "My, how pretty your hair looks! What have you been doing to it?" "Why, I have been using Harmony Hair Beautifier for the past two weeks," was the reply. "Why, indeed?" replied the first woman, "that is just what I am using. Isn't it great, and don't you think my hair shows a lot of improvement?"

Harmony Hair Beautifier is becoming all the rage among both men and women who are particular in the care of their hair. It is just what it is named—a hair beautifier. It seems to polish and burnish the hair, making it silky-soft, and more easy to put up in graceful wavy folds that "stay put." Contains no oil, and will not change color of hair nor darken. Simply sprinkle a little on your hair each time before brushing it. To keep your hair and scalp dandruff-free and clean, use Harmony Shampoo. This liquid shampoo gives an instantaneous rich, foaming lather that immediately penetrates to every part of the hair and scalp, insuring a quick and thorough cleansing. It is washed off just as quickly, the entire operation taking only a few moments. Harmony Hair Beautifier \$1.00. Harmony Shampoo 50c. Both guaranteed to satisfy you in every way, or your money back. Sold only at the more than 7,000 Rexall Stores, and in this town only by us.—Huntley Bros. Co.

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