

BARZEE TO JONES

Portland Socialist Criticizes Estacada Writer's Courier Letters

Editor Courier:—

A mule can kick and still be a mule. A man can kick and still be a fool— Unless he kicks to a purpose.

In studying the letter of J. L. Jones entitled "Snobs and Snobbery" containing criticisms of the "capitalistic disorder," without offering any practical way to overcome that of which he writes, we are forcibly reminded of the above writing of Prof. W. F. Ries.

His continual criticisms of socialists and his "red flannel" suggestions compels us to class his writings as "impossible" and he an "impossible" number of whom we have dealt with both inside and outside of the Socialist party, in our eighteen years' work to better the conditions of humanity.

Kicking is not to be, altogether discouraged; even though no certain purpose is connected with it; but when false statements and misrepresentations are made about efforts put forth to evolve our social affairs, it is high time that a Roosevelt "square deal" is demanded.

In his recent Courier letter his misrepresentations and unfair statements about the "right to work" measure demands, in behalf of the 58,000 who voted for it and the Socialist party who are re-initiating it, correction and repudiation.

He speaks of a tax, as other taxes are implied, in connection with this measure, when in fact there is no tax connected with it. A retainer of a certain amount of that which the state, by law, passes to another, is not a tax at all. The mention of this retainer by the name of a tax was law applicable to it.

His supposition of legal technical conditions with his pronounced "immoral infamy and perfidious wrong" is foreign to the merits and demerits of the measure, altogether. He further implies that this measure contains the full demand of the socialist party for the abolition of the profit system; when no man of his learning should so basely misrepresent the facts.

Some of us have learned, if he has not, that Socialists, while few in numbers, cannot, at one fell stroke, abolish the capitalist system. They can, however, by staying within the limit of the social evolution of the people, enlist great numbers, who are beginning to think, and thus further educate the masses. They know that the cure for democracy is more democracy and when the people, by study and application, understand our problems, we will get their co-operation in greater things. Impossible as well as reactionists do not like the "right to work" measure because, as a well known Portland soapboxer puts it, it does not "demand the full surrender of capitalism;" yet it is the only possible way for us to advance.

Mr. U'ren, in all these years, has well and wisely understood this fact. It was when he advanced beyond the evolution of the masses, with his sound, practical single tax ideas, that the people deserted him and he temporarily lost out. We must learn that to move at all we must move within the knowledge of the people. Impossible demands get the ear of the people, and the more they get the more they will ask until they get a fair portion of justice.

Socialism-co-operation—is the next epoch in civil government.

If Mr. J. L. Jones wants publicly to discuss socialism or the "right to work" measure "or fusion" on "red flannel" lines we will make a date with him.

C. W. Barzee.

CHERRYVILLE

There are plenty of indications that the new year in this country will witness a wonderful change in business conditions.

Everybody is devoutly hopeful that the new year 1915 will bring about a better state of affairs, not only in this country but particularly in Europe, where people call themselves Christians and true believers, mark you! All orthodox are killing each other by thousands, not only the men in arms but helpless women and children. Don't talk any more about the heathens or send them a lot of missionaries.

Mr. and Mrs. George Eden of Logan, spent Christmas week with the old folks at home at their bungalow in Logan.

Miss Lillian B. Averill, a senior at the state normal school, spent the holidays at home with her parents in Cherryville.

It comes pretty straight that the P. R. L. & P. Co. are going to lay out a summer resort at the dam near here. This will mean lots of work for an erecting company, places for tents and summer homes, grading and slashing and boat houses as the river above the dam is a regular deep water reservoir, extending back for nearly a mile, offering a delightful place for boating and fishing.

Now that we have had a depressed period in which many debtors have been stripped and the laboring men have been taught the value of any kind of a job at any kind of a price, the money monsters will start up a business boom in which the hungry will be put to work at reduced wages and a fresh lot of suckers will be induced, if they have any money, to go into debt, so in turn they can be stripped too. A rich man once told the writer that he could not make any money in good times, but when the times were hard—the harder the better, he could pick up bargains of all kinds at his own figures. A person with ready money can now pick up great snags.

The writer received a copy of the Christian Science Monitor, containing an article on the single tax proposition which is simply unanswerable. The real value of this scheme is ap-

parent because whenever it is brot forward all the hordes of the predatory rich, who band together like wolves and are just as ravenous, hire lawyer preachers and pamphleters and editors to attack it in every imaginable way. There is lots of money in any kind of times to defend the rich—the greedy rich in their continued process of skinning the suckers and pounding the face of the poor, and the misery of it is the poor "fools" are not able to realize it.

A late issue of the Congressional Record contains the speeches of the members in the lower house on the resolution of nation wide prohibition. The speech of Captain Hobson of Merimac fame, was a masterly effort and played the very mischief among the ranks of the defenders of the brewers and distillers. Who would have thought it possible that the remarkable vote of 227 could have been procured in the house of representatives, when neither great party contains any reference to it.

All of the Oregon members voted for it because the tide here runs that way. The great speech against the measure was made by Bartholdt of St. Louis—who said among other things that the first and greatest cause of insanity is not drink but self pollution and sexual excess, and the next is religious excitement, and the third is the excessive use of liquor which overactively causes ten times more untimely deaths than intemperance in drinking. To submit this step to the states requires a two-thirds majority and the signature of the senate as well as the signature of the President, which it failed to get—but heavy vote it got in the house.

One other measure before the house these days is the Rural credit plan for furnishing money to the farmers. Government money on long time at a low rate of interest. This measure will be delayed and defeated in spite of predictions from senators and state Granges and other representative bodies of agriculturists who constitute a large mass of our people, and who are engaged in producing food to sustain human life. This very worthy and exceedingly necessary part of our population have always been discriminated against because we send a lot of railroad attorneys to congress who are hired by bankers and railroads to defend and advance their interests at all times. The master of the national group is Oliver Wilson—whom the writer knows very well says it is impossible for the farmers to struggle much longer against the monstrous horde of eight and ten per cent money, and the census shows that many of them are fast becoming tenants.

The speeches on the subject of Rural Credits are very illuminating and show on the part of the members, even those who ostensibly support the measure, a very lax attempt to right a great wrong. It was shown, however, very clearly, that the remarkable progress made by Germany in the last twenty-five years prior to this war, was largely due to their rural credit system or land schafften measure. The same thing can be said of Ireland; while the credit Foncier of France, which has been in existence for fifty years, has been the cause of the prosperity of the French farming class, who paid off in two years the war indemnity in 1870 of \$11,000,000,000.

It is amusing to read the attempts of members of congress to avoid going on record when they are hired to help kill a bill when there is anything in it for the relief of the large man of the people, who are struggling for a bare existence in the deadly grip of gigantic monopolies. When the bill was up last week on the postoffice appropriations for some measure of relief in the ridiculous graft of our system of carrying the mails on our railroads, Hawley refused to vote at all although Slinnot brazenly voted for it while Lafferty, who the greedy rich in Portland succeeded in killing off, was the only one in our delegation who voted right.

EAST CLACKAMAS

Some of the ladies of East Clackamas have organized a sewing club called the East Clackamas social club, meeting every two weeks on Wednesday at different homes. Mrs. J. Searles is president; Mrs. Bennett vice president; Miss Emma Haberlach secretary and treasurer.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Searles have returned from Castle Rock after a week's visit with their folks.

G. Haberlach and Mr. Henrich loaded a car with potatoes for Portland this week.

A number of young folks gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Dane New Year's Eve to watch the old year out and the New Year in. A delightful time was had in playing games, and music, the guests going home in the early hours of the morning.

There will be an entertainment and basket social in the East Clackamas school house, Jan. 9th. The proceeds will go for school purposes. Everyone come—ladies bring baskets and men coin.

The Literary meeting held Saturday evening was a success. The subject for debate was "Is War Any Benefit to Mankind?" The leaders on the affirmative side was Walter Mundhenke; on the negative C. Weir. The negative side won.

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THE GREAT APOSTASY

Christian Religion is in Subject to Roman Law

The world is not left without a witness as to law. There are two witnesses, the old and new testaments. Testament means the testimony or evidence of some one that is dead.

Christian law is embodied in the ten commandments. The Hebrew nation never kept those because they did not understand them. So another law was given, of rituals and ceremonies and sacrifices. They did not understand this either, because it was all symbolism.

The word Deuteronomy means this secondary or inferior law, including the whole ritual of the Hebrew worship. This was abolished with the death of Christ. But the ten commandments were not abolished and never will be. This is the law that must be fulfilled. It is not fulfilled yet. The Hebrew ritual was carried thru one dispensation. The churches are running another set of rituals now. But the ten commandments remain a dead letter. The confusion of doctrine, which divides the church into innumerable factions arises from ignorance of the true law.

After the death of Christ the Christian religion was thrown out into the Roman menagerie, into a jungle of wild beasts and Christianity was the very opposite of Roman law. The basis of Roman law was an unwritten procedure called the law of MANUS. Manus is Latin for hand, and the idea was that a man was entitled to keep what he could take by force—by his hand. This is the law of war. It is the law of nations to

dividuals, in all churches and outside of them, but the general rule has been that priests and preachers have "stood in" with politicians and rulers to uphold a pagan system of law, the direct opposite of true Christianity. There is no Christian church nor date nor nation on earth. The churches are compelled to acknowledge allegiance to pagan governments and submit to what is called civil law. Thus religion is enslaved to a false conception of law. Zion is in captivity in Babylon.

About two centuries after Constantine came, Justinian, Emperor of the East of Constantinople. This was before the fall of the western empire, and before the rise of the Ottoman power. The name Justinian signifies law giver. He was the great lawyer. He codified the whole vast body of Roman law that had been accumulating for 1,000 years, and the code of Justinian became the basis of the laws of all the modern European nations that arose out of the ruins of the holy Roman empire.

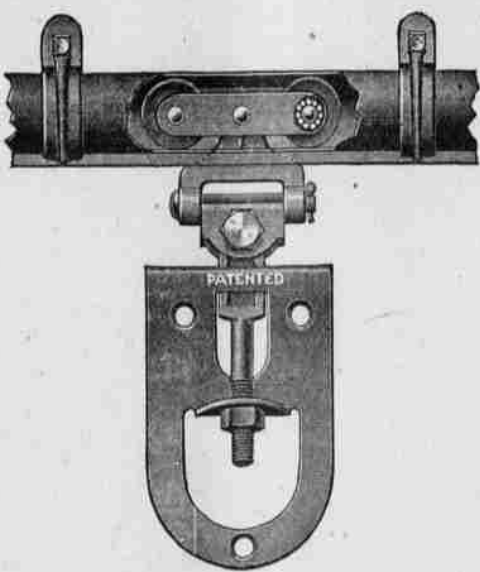
We must bear in mind that this code of Justinian was not a Christian law, although Justinian was nominally a Christian ruler. It was Roman law. Every lawyer knows this in a vague sort of way, but it is nowhere understood as a terrible reality that the whole world is still in bondage under the laws of ancient Rome, the old dragon power that still drags its slimy carcass over the earth.

And most of the people are so illiterate and know so little about history that they don't know the difference between pagan Rome and papal Rome. I want the reader particular-

thirty years without cessation and Germany was almost depopulated. This was not a reformation. There is no reformation yet. We are still unreformed, impotent and incorrigible. What is called the Reformation was really a disintegration or breaking up of the religious empire of papal Rome as the political empire of pagan Rome had been broken up over a thousand years previously. Pagan Rome exploded from corruption on the inside, and there is no reformation. Hell is still a-boiling and will continue to boil till peace will be restored at last by the coming of the Prince of Peace, who will make an end of Roman rule. Babylon must fall before the New Jerusalem, the real Holy City, is liberated. And Babylon is falling fast.

There is no authority on anything. We are in a state of universal anarchy, both religious and political. The people do not know the meaning of the word Protestant any more than of the word Catholic. The accent is changed in the word Protestant. It should be on the second syllable. It means one who protests. The protest has not reached its limit. Every body is protesting now against everything. There is an universal howl of calamity. Babylon the great, is falling over their heads and all around them and they don't know how to escape from the ruins.

A protest is not a reform. It is only the confusion that precedes reform. The people kicked themselves out of the old church of Rome, but no universal church has arisen to take the place of Rome. The Protestant churches, so called, are not churches at all. They are only factions—fragments of a broken vessel,



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this day. No nation has adopted Christian law. The very first step towards its adoption would make an end of war.

The Romans were professional murderers and robbers. They killed their neighbors, seized their property and made slaves of those that surrendered. This is how Rome became mistress of the world. The Christians were persecuted under this law for about three centuries till Constantine became emperor by the aid of Christian legions in the Roman army. So we see that Christianity had already become corrupted and adulterated, otherwise there could not have been Christian soldiers serving under the Eagles of Rome. It is contrary to the very nature of Christianity to fight in that way.

We are taught in the histories that the Roman empire was converted to Christianity under Constantine. This is not true. The truth is that Christianity was conquered when it united in fusion with paganism an adopted Roman methods of warfare. Christianity was then brought under willing subjection to Roman law. This was the great apostasy or adultery, which made the primitive church the mother of harlots. All the present factions, Protestant and Catholic being the progeny of the adulterous union.

The name Constantine signifies this. It means standing together or fusion. Since then there has been no organization as an institutional organization. There has been more or less of it in the private lives of in-

ly to note this distinction. After the breaking up of the Latin Empire of Rome into numerous political divisions, the religious empire was consolidated under the popes. This is papal Rome, a religious, not a national or political empire.

For 1,000 years, from about 570 till about 1570 the Pope was the supreme religious authority in the west of Europe. This is the time the devil was chained for 1,000 years. Hell was nailed down solid and the Pope sat on the lid. But the foul gases generated by decaying Christianity in the compost heap of paganism, blew the lid off and exploded the tank. The devil and all hisimps and angels blew out at the time of what is called the Protestant reformation and hell has been boiling ever since. It is getting worse all the time till now millions of people are going round like roaring lions seeking something to devour. And there is going to be an alarming scarcity of things to devour.

During the time of papal supremacy the Christians did not fight one another much about religion. But the different kingdoms were all the time fighting about territory and thrones and successions. And on the outside there was continual war against the Saracens. But after the reformation religious hatred was added to the political strife. Then began the fighting between Catholic and Protestant Christians, which was far more sanguinary and destructive than the national wars that preceded it. At one time the war lasted for

from which the wine of life has long been spilled.

We have arrived at this state under Protestantism, that anybody at all, any gutter-snipe or street faker can start a new church and make himself a pope, and whoop it up, hail Columbia to his heart's content. There is no authority on anything. Lawyers differ, doctors disagree; preachers and priests fight like fiends, and our modern scientific experts, like the corporation lawyers, can prove or disprove anything under heaven, if there is a barrel big enough behind the proposition to make it worth while.

There is no authority on anything. Even the multiplication table has gone a-glimmering. Multiplication has turned to division. The faster we multiply the more hopelessly we divide into antagonistic parties, factions and sects.

J. L. Jones.

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Oregon Equity News

P. W. MEREDITH, Editor.

County Union meeting Saturday.

Our state meeting in February may be cancelled.

Come to the county meeting no matter whether you are a delegate or not.

Somewhere in Europe is a place called Heligoland. From reports it must extend most all over that country.

Some locals have already passed into the Farmers' Union and ere long we will be sailing under a new banner with a larger crew.

With this issue of the Courier the Equity News department is concluded. We are all very much attached to our state paper and as the Farmers' Union has no official organ we will still look to the Courier for news of our order and hope to see it march along with us, sharing our hopes and our victories and using its influence to a united people for peace, plenty and prosperity to all. May the Courier have greater fields to sow the seed that brings forth a hundred fold, and may we all rejoice in each other's prosperity.

It seems from the Eastern press that a few millionaires have bought some guns and loaded them on some vessels, covered them up with cotton bought at a price about half what it costs to produce it and tried to sell it to Germany to kill Englishmen with, and England discovered the plot and captured the boats, and now these same millionaires want these Englishmen to stop interfering with their money making schemes to rob farmers and kill Englishmen. And they will want the farmers to shoulder their guns and fight to be robbed. What do you farmers think of it?

Congress has passed a warehouse bill by which Uncle Sam will weigh and grade the produce stored and issue a warehouse certificate for the same and it is claimed bankers will loan money on these warehouse certificates. There is nothing to prevent the state of Oregon from building these warehouses and loaning the money. There is no reason why the state should not do this, but of course lawyers and other politicians have no use for warehouses and farmers always persist in sending lawyers to the legislature.

In 1912 both the Republican and Democratic parties promised us a rural credit law. These parties have not had their promises quoted on the market for some time. The reason is that these congressmen own bank stock and it would interfere with their private business. Now all farmers can see that about the only way for us to get rural credit is to vote for these same bank stock holders for congress next time just like we always have, and then we can sell ways have, and then we can sell our cotton and prunes for about half what it costs to produce them and if we have any thing left we can donate it to Belgium.

A good New Year's resolution is to quit reading about poverty, charity, crime, divorce, holdups, murder, war, pestilence, graft, bribery, and all the rest of the awful plans our present society has to maintain. "Peace on earth, good will toward men." Just subscribe for the Courier and learn the remedy.

We agree with President Wilson that we need a national merchant marine, but where we differ is that he wants to turn it over to private hands when he gets going on a good paying basis, while we are in favor of keeping it, and saving the big profits for all the people or turn it all over to ye Equity editor.

The United States has maintained its national dignity by keeping out of all this fighting going on all over the world, and if we continue to keep out other nations will have a nation which can act as judge in the final settlement and help to bring peace

Brother Farmer, do you like to read facts and figures? Would you like to look at the books of our new banking system? This system went into effect Nov. 16th with one and one-half billion legal tender money. They have fifteen billion loaned out. Do you understand how that can be? They only have to keep 12 percent of their deposits now, instead of 15, and in cities 18 instead of 25, so now they can receive, or pretend to have, deposit five billions more and doing all the business and collecting interest on all this amount with only one and one-half billions of real money. Congress passed this law and refuses to pass a rural credit law.

President Wilson has had some sort of a paper served on him by the Humane Society, and they refuse to give him their consent to have any more American horses sent to Europe to be slaughtered in war and rot in the sun of that land of civilization, where we used to go to polish our education.

Up to the time of going to press we have heard of no move by the city of Canby to refuse to pay her road tax. Canby has several warehouses for the storage of farm produce and in the near future a farmer can have his receipt O. K'd by Uncle Sam and we understand there is a well managed bank there too.

A fisherman writes us that the fish and game law is a graft. Now

we wish these fishermen would understand that we want news.

Cannery pay a license fee of \$1500 for the monopoly of our salmon. Seines pay 50 and fishwheels 35, drift-nets 5 and set nets \$2.50. Now we read in a Portland paper of the 18th that these people want to pay double the amount of license fee. Any real estate firm if Oregon City could afford to pay a big fee for the exclusive privilege of selling real estate. The cannery have the law so made that a fisherman can not sell a fish to a farmer without taking out a peddler's license. This fisherman wants to know why we hire so many game wardens between Portland and Oregon City and pay them the year around, when it is only a few months that the salmon run in the Willamette. As far as we poor farmers are concerned we might as well have no salmon at all in our rivers. In fact, we would save the expenditure of thousands of dollars if there were none at all. We can't afford to pay 15 and 20 cents per pound for salmon and \$40,000 to game wardens too. We think the state and the people are losing money with our fish and game laws.

Gladstone W. C. T. U.

(Received too late for last week.)

Glad New Year greeting, dear friends of this department, one and all!

Have you made mistakes in the past? Alas, none of us but must look back upon more or less of them. Let us be glad of the chance to begin again. We may not have a second trial, with the life already lived, but the opportunity is ours to make the future better than the past.

Then let us take to our hearts the encouragement that comes with the thought of a New Year of possibilities before us, and let us do to day some duty left undone heretofore.

The Bible teaches that "to him that knoweth to do good and doth it not, to him it is sin."

The meeting of the Union will be held regularly hereafter. They will be made interesting and profitable. New numbers solicited and visitors always welcome.

The time has passed when there is no redress for the women of Oregon but to suffer in silence. She has proven that she can act, as well as pray. With the ballot in her hand and by using well the talent God has given her, throwing her influence with right, instead of might, she is proving herself well qualified for active citizenship.

"Every thought is an embryo, Every word is a planted seed; Look to it well that the seed you sow Be for the flower and not for the weed."

The W. C. T. U. will meet with Mrs. Moulton on Jan. 8th, at 2:30 P. M.

STOP SPLITTING HAIRS

Not Where we Came from, but What are we Here For

Brothers, Friends and Neighbors:—

I think all those fortunate enough to be at the Brotherhood meeting at the Baptist church Friday night will understand what I am trying to get at. I decided long ago that if God was willing to own me as His son I was wonderfully blessed to have the right to claim Him as my Father and whatever process He chose to use to bring me into existence and endow me with an immortal soul I ought to be satisfied with.

At all events the description God has given of the creation of man in the book He has given for our guidance through time, appeals to ME much stronger than Darwin's evolution theory.

I think that if all Christina denominations would devote less time to splitting hairs and devote more time to honest, earnest endeavor for the welfare of our fellow creatures; if we would love our neighbors as ourselves and would do unto others as we would that others should do unto us we would make faster progress towards Christianizing the whole world. We would help to pave the way for the dawning of the millennium—would help to hasten the time when Christ shall come to claim His own, and would help to usher in the day when all men shall dwell together in peace and harmony.

I am quite positive that one thousand years from now it will not make any difference to anyone on earth whether I was all monkey or no monkey at all.

A. D. Mayo.

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