

SUGGESTED INVESTIGATIONS.

THE New York Evening Post is publishing a series of letters in answer to the query, How to give wisely? The proposition involves the best expenditure of \$10,000,000, more or less, in some way or ways, to benefit the people, particularly in the investigation of social problems.

Another would provide a great central institution which should send trained men to Europe and elsewhere to investigate socialism, so as to be thoroughly prepared to make a campaign against it.

Views with alarm" the alleged growth of socialistic sentiment, considers it a dangerous disease, and says: "If it is desirable to have great laboratories to study the phenomena of bodily disease of the physique, surely it is important, in the highest degree to devote one such institution to studying what may be termed a disease of the mind and soul."

This person seems to be somewhat "diseased" himself. He confessedly does not seek to aim at getting all the facts, the whole truth, like the Georgia woman in the case of prohibition, but he wants to send men out to fortify themselves to argue on one side of the subject.

If they discover anything favorable to the other side, they are to suppress it. A few years ago an eminent theologian set out to discover evidences supporting literally the story of the Noachian deluge—and of course, he found them. These investigators are not to start out with free, unbiased minds, but to get support for opinions already formed.

By the way, this is how many investigations are carried on. The present tariff commission, for instance, will find nothing to support a proper revision of the tariff.

But no such investigation is needed. The people are gradually and slowly investigating the claims and doctrines of socialism, and there is no danger whatever that more of the socialistic propaganda will be accepted and adopted than is practical and useful to society.

Some features of socialism, or at least of what resembles and is analogous to socialism, should be adopted, such as large inheritance taxes, public ownership of coal lands, and perhaps public management of express, carriage and telephones.

These, if not public ownership of railroads, are likely to come, but the doctrine of socialism as a whole, or its principal and basic tenets, will not be adopted, and converts to it will always be few.

Because it is a totally unworkable scheme, on earth. It might work in heaven, but not here.

But let the socialists expound and declaim. They help educate the people. They set workmen to thinking, and the more they think the more intelligent and useful citizens they will become.

The average convert will probably think himself out of socialism after a little, but if he does not he will always be one of a small minority, and no harm is done.

What is good in socialism will gradually be adopted, what is impracticable and impossible will never appeal favorably to a majority, or even a large minority, of American voters.

Taken as a whole, they can be depended upon to do about the right thing, providing they have a fair, free, unimpeded chance to express themselves at the polls.

Commenting on Mr. Bryan's speech, the Chicago Record-Herald says: "The situation is happily such that, whichever candidate wins, the rule of the people will be assured. The people have ruled in the successful campaigns for legislative and industrial reform that will forever be associated with the Roosevelt regime."

With nine tenths of the Roosevelt people's measures rejected by congress, how can it be said that they have a chance of ruling with any such congress in power?

MADE A PARTY ISSUE. The people of Oregon by a very large majority have voted in favor of the direct election of senators by the people, and for a law making Statement No. 1 obligatory upon all members of the legislature. This is one of the most important of all proposed reforms, for it means that the people shall be fairly and truly represented in the senate, as they are not now, in most cases, as everybody knows.

Mr. Bryan said in his notification speech that the election of senators by the people was the gateway to all other reforms. This is a fair statement, for a people's senate and it will be easier, meanwhile to get a people's house, and then congress will do what the people want, instead of what the trusts want.

The Chicago convention, by a vote of seven or eight to one, rejected the plank for election of senators by the people; the Denver convention adopted that plank as the Democratic convention of 1900 and 1904 did. This seems to make this matter a party question, although Mr. Taft dismissed it with the remark that it was not a party question.

Personally, he is "inclined" to favor election of senators by the people, as his party's candidate he is necessarily against it. Bryan is unequivocally and zealously for it.

With many Oregon voters this, in view of our recent experience, may well be a principal if not the paramount issue of the campaign. Those who see in it will logically vote for Bryan. Thousands of Republicans voted for the Statement No. 1 law, and such of them as consider this question one of supreme importance, as many well may do, will be constrained to vote for the Democratic candidates this fall.

AN EASTERN PAPER'S REASON. A GOOD deal has been made by Republican newspapers of the Baltimore Sun's announcement that it would support Taft instead of Bryan, as if this were something unexpected and especially significant. But the Sun, while a very worthy and a high-class newspaper, has never been favorably inclined to Bryan, or to any of the reformatory measures or movements, of which he is the conspicuous champion.

The Sun is an ultra conservative newspaper, whose ideal president was Grover Cleveland, and which could have cordially supported no candidate more radical than Judge Gray. It is entirely out of sympathy with the methods if not the ideas of President Roosevelt, and it supports Taft rather than Bryan because Bryan rather than Taft stands for a vigorous and progressive prosecution of the Roosevelt policies.

The Sun in explanation of its position says: "The people of this country are just beginning to recover from a period of industrial, financial and commercial depression, and to measure, measurably, to the methods, rather than the object in view, of the Roosevelt administration in dealing with trust and corporation problems."

EDITORIAL PAGE OF THE JOURNAL

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