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## LENINE AND TROTZKY WILL LOSE.

Regardless of what the Allied nations may do to check them, regardless of how much they may succeed in temporarily disturbing the peace of the world, Lenin and Trotzky will fail in their efforts to introduce socialistic government into Russia.

Frazier Hunt, the well known newspaper correspondent, who has been making a study of inside conditions in that unhappy country, in a letter from Petrograd, arrives at this conclusion.

One of the thousand reasons why Socialism can never succeed in Russia is this:

Ninety per cent of the population are peasants, farmers and farm laborers, and nowhere on earth is the farmer a Socialist. Nowhere is he ever a communist. On the contrary, the farmer is the extreme individualist.

Either he owns land or he aspires some day to own it.

He wants it to be his own, not the property of either a landlord or of an abstraction called "the state." As a rule the farmer is not envious of his neighbors, provided only he has for himself a fair chance.

The Russian peasant is no exception to this rule.

On the contrary he is a fair example.

He wants land, he wants it more than anything else in the world. He wants it to be his by absolute title, so he can do with it exactly as he pleases—cultivate it, neglect it, mortgage it, sell it, give it away, leave it by will to his children or friends or to charity, just as he wants, without anyone daring to interfere.

The Russian peasant desires neither to have to work as a tenant, nor to hire as a laborer of a lord of the manor, nor to work the land for the state. He wants to buy his own supplies, sell his crops where it suits him and for the best price he can get. He wants no state supervision.

Above all, he wants no community ownership.

The truth is that the Russian peasant has had thorough experience with communism and socialism and he does not like it at all. He rose against the Czar's government to get rid of an oppressive system which savored very much of socialism, communism and paternalism combined with huge estates in the hands of the few. Now he has got rid of the big estate monopolizing the land and he wants a fair chance to own the land himself.

Instead of giving him his land Lenin and Trotzky have sought to impose on him state ownership, the sort of thing which some of the city laborers would apply to factories, railroads and such industries.

Trotzky and Lenin are German state Socialists and near-anarchists who have found a following among the city laborers comprising 10 per cent of Russia's population.

Ivan Ivanovitch, the Russian peasant, who represents 90 per cent of the population, is an individualistic, small-capitalistic worker and trader, whose idea of liberty is the American ideal—individual freedom, private initiative, private ownership of land, private enterprise and development, the distribution of wealth not by robbery or state control, but by giving each man his right to use his own talents and to accumulate for himself.

That is what Americans want, and that is what the Russian peasant wants.

The Russian peasant will win because he is 90 per cent of the people and, also, because he is right.

By the way, who is to be vice president of the proposed new Irish republic?

The league of nations will do many things hitherto deemed impossible. For instance it will make Germany keep her promises.—Charleston News and Courier.

Rice growers of California are alarmed over the increasing importations of Asiatic rice, and demand a restoration of the protective tariff. And this demand will have to be granted, if rice growing in this country is to grow and prosper as it

ought to do. And rice growing is only a minor industry in the long list of those affected by importations.

If the czar of Russia was alive he certainly would be at the horsehead table in Paris. His absence ought to confirm the rumor that he is dead.—Exchange.

Utah is to observe "Golden spike day" on May 10, the 50th anniversary of the completion of the Union Pacific railroad. It is a reminder that the opening of the West was a great American development in the days following the civil war. In-

tensive, rather than extensive, development of American opportunity should follow the present war.

"One thousand innocent bystanders killed in Berlin." That's frank exaggeration. There aren't 1000 innocent persons in all Germany.—Washington Herald.

With the setting in of a superb specimen of Oregon weather the old-fashioned grouch, who, during the wet spell, used to say that it was a sin to spend so much money for an automobile, gives signs of being about to change his mind.

## INCREASE IN FARM LAND VALUES

(Springfield, Republican) The tremendous increase during the war in farm land values in various parts of the country, especially in the middle West, as reported by the department of agriculture, is a godsend or a gift from the nether regions, depending upon the point of view. The land reformer says:

"For the man who farms farmers, the speculator in lands, it is 'easy money'—he fattens upon the miseries of war and the prosperity of farmers without lifting a hand in useful service, merely by virtue of a law-conferred land title. For the man who farms land, however, the increase is of no benefit unless he cares to turn speculator and prey upon those who want to farm; the increase in land value brings with it no more sunshine, the gentle rain from heaven falls no more generously, storms are not less severe, the land is no more productive—and his taxes mount up and up with every dollar of increase in valuation. As for the man who would like to own a farm, the increase in land values makes this more difficult than ever—back to the land! is all the more a mockery, the 'lure of the city' is reinforced by a vigorous kick from the rear."

Incidentally, Secretary Lane is increasingly handicapped in acquiring good lands for those of our soldiers of democracy, who want to snuggle up to Mother Earth. Already driven to costly reclamation projects, he finds himself always further driven into the swamp and the desert. Why should he have to reclaim lands? What has become of the public domain? The entire population of the United States could be put into the state of Texas and it would be less thickly populated than many of the European countries—and the rest of the country would be free for our returning heroes, for instance.

Who owns the United States? Thirty years ago vast stretches of the country was public domain; today more than half our 7,000,000 farmers are tenants—"trespassers," Lloyd George said of the English, "in the land of their birth." The cold fact is that the great majority of the people of the United States are tenants of some sort, despite land laws designed, as our fathers thought, to foster a race of freeholders.

Farm land value is the small end of the land values problem. The big end is in the cities. One-fifteenth of all the land values of the country are in "little old New York"—and that is only one city of America. If prosperity booms farm land values, all the more does it boom city land values, which mount into the thousands and millions of dollars per acre. The 1910 census showed that more than 90 per cent of the land values of the country were owned by less than 10 per cent of the people. And that proportion holds good in any city.

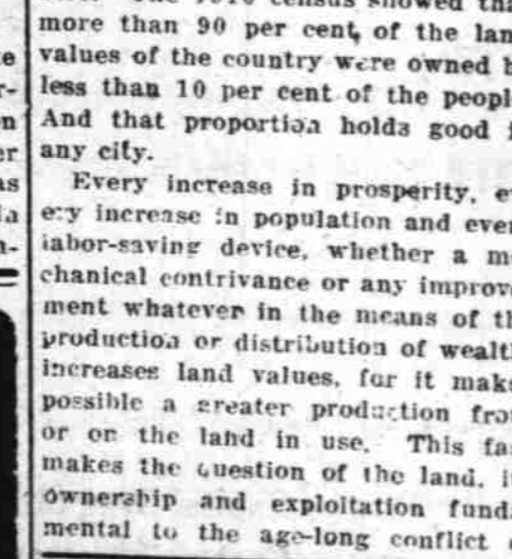
Every increase in prosperity, every increase in population and every labor-saving device, whether a mechanical contrivance or any improvement whatever in the means of the production or distribution of wealth, increases land values, for it makes possible a greater production from or on the land in use. This fact makes the question of the land, its ownership and exploitation fundamental to the age-long conflict of

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economic interest between the Haves and the Have Nots. As land reformers see the issue, it sifts itself down to a question of whether or not the world shall discount to the few in possession the vast improvements in organized society that are taking place, and are bound to take place in the coming years.

As indicated in the credit line, the above is from the conservative old Springfield Republican, and not from some wild-eyed organ of single tax or other propaganda.

In the Salem district, the surest remedy is diversified agriculture, and the division of the large farms into small tracts.

This process has already been carried further here than in most sections.

It should go on. High priced land does not necessarily drive people away from the soil.

Witness Belgium, and Germany and France, before the war; and now. Land values in those countries, near markets, are \$500 to \$1000 an acre, and upward; and the people on the land make agriculture pay, even with such high prices of land ruling.

The people of the United States will take care of their land questions, without resorting to any wild-eyed Socialistic methods.

LEST WE FORGET!  
The tumult and the shouting dies—  
The captains and the kings depart—  
Still stands Thine ancient sacrifice,  
An humble and a contrite heart,  
Lord God of hosts, be with us yet,  
Lest we forget—lest we forget!

## BITS FOR BREAKFAST

Plant, plant, plant—  
The tractors are marching.  
They are going on their untired way.  
Will your potatoes, beans, etc., be home-made this year?  
Slathers of them will be in the peace gardens.

President Wilson hopes to stay till the end, and bring the peace treaty home with him.

Germany is being lined up for the next thirty years, and a thousand more on top of the thirty, now the remnants of Austria, Turkey and Bulgaria are being sized up, as to their prospective abilities to pay indemnities. And it will be piled on, to a point just one straw short of the heft of the proverbial last straw.

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## EDITORIALS OF THE PEOPLE

(The Statesman is pleased to print communications upon topics of general interest at any time. There is naturally no limit to the topics of "general interest." It is asked only that correspondents refrain from personalities and use care that nothing be written of a libelous nature. Letters must have writer's name and address, though not necessarily for publication.—Ed.)

## NOT DESERVED

Editor Statesman:  
At a public meeting Sunday night a member of the Supreme Court of Oregon, speaking on the necessity of combating Bolshevism, denounced the U. S. soldiers in the Archangel district of Russia as yellow curs.

## FUTURE DATES

- April 20, Sunday—Easter
- April 21 to 23—Human week
- April 22, Tuesday—Salem Elk home-coming
- April 22, Tuesday—Victory ban campaign opens
- April 27 to May 3—"Buy in Salem" week
- May, dates to be fixed—Oregon Jersey jubilee
- May 1, Thursday—Luxury taxes effective
- May 2 and 3, Saturday and Sunday—Junior Week-end at Willamette
- May 3, Saturday—76th anniversary celebration at Clatsop
- May 3, Saturday—Last day allowed by law for registering for special election
- May 19 to 22—Old Fellows grand lodge and State Rebekah assembly meet in Salem
- June 3, Tuesday—Special election in Oregon
- June (dates to be selected)—State ex-composed Spanish war veterans

## IN A SOCIAL WAY

By DORRIS LEAH SIKES

birthday surprise was tendered W. F. Duckner at his family home on Fourteenth and Court streets recently when several of his friends dropped in to put finishing touches on the day. Five Hundred was the diversion of the evening. Mrs. G. F. Laflar carrying off high score, and Mrs. O. P. Hoff being presented with the consolation prize to which she responded graciously. Dainty refreshments were served to the following guests: Mr. and Mrs. O. P. Hoff, Dr. and Mrs. C. E. Cashatt, Judge and Mrs. W. M. Bushey, Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Busselle, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Volk, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Laflar, Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Poisal, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Shafer, Mrs. S. S. East, Mrs. Geoffrey, S. B. Elliott, and Misses Dorothy and Ruth Duckner.

Mrs. F. A. Elliott has just been appointed by Mrs. Charles H. Casner, president of the state federation of women's clubs, to be one of the delegates for the reconstruction campaign which will be the most important feature of club work for this year. Ten other well known club workers in the state have been appointed on the committee.

Mr. and Mrs. Don H. Upjohn and children are visiting in Portland for a few days where Mr. Upjohn is on official business as secretary to Governor Olcott.

A number of Salem people are surprised to hear of the wedding of Miss Elizabeth Stettmeier, of Woodburn, who recently became the bride of Homer Parrish of Fort Benton, Mont. Both young people have been students of Reed College but Mr. Parrish left last year to enter service in the medical corps. They will leave at once for Montana where they will make their home at Fort Benton.

Mr. and Mrs. John Scott of Oregon City spent Sunday with their son, Dr. O. L. Scott and family. At the same time Dr. Scott was visited by C. D. Hartman and family of Scotts Mills. Earl Hartman recently returned from service in France with them and had many interesting experiences from overseas to relate.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester A. McCracken enjoyed a farewell at the residence of Dr. O. L. Scott, 1346 South Liberty Monday evening. Mr. and Mrs. McCracken left at noon yesterday for Davenport, Iowa where they will enter the Palmer School of Chiropractic.

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Milwaukee, Wis. "I was weak, nervous, all run down, no appetite and had taken different medicines without benefit. A friend advised me to try Vinol. It gave me a wonderful appetite, I sleep well, have gained in weight and am now strong and well."—Mrs. E. Strep.

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## \$20,000 Alleged Due on Note; Suit Is Instituted

To collect \$20,000 alleged due on a promissory note, suit was filed in circuit court yesterday by J. R. Wyatt against the Yaquina Electric Company. Attorney fees of \$1000 are asked. It is alleged that the note was given in Portland April 5, 1915 to A. Welch and that it was later transferred to the plaintiff.

## WOMEN! DRY CLEAN THINGS AT HOME

Try it! For a few cents you can dry clean everything. Save five to ten dollars quickly by dry cleaning everything in the home with gasoline that would be ruined by soap and water—suits, coats, waists, silks, laces, gloves, shoes, furs, draperies, rugs—everything! Place a gallon or more of gasoline in a dishpan or washbowl, then put in the things to be dry cleaned, then wash them with Solvite soap. Shortly everything comes out looking like new. Nothing fades, shrinks or wrinkles. Do not attempt to dry clean without Solvite soap. This gasoline soap is the secret of all dry cleaning. A package of Solvite soap containing directions for home dry cleaning, costs little at any drug store. Dry clean outdoors or away from flame.

## Funeral of I. N. Woods Held at Dallas Sunday

DALLAS, Or., April 15.—(Special to The Statesman)—Funeral services over the remains of the late I. N. Woods who passed away Friday morning were held Sunday at 10:30 at the Chapman Undertaking chapel, Rev. Charles F. Johnson, pastor of the Dallas Methodist church, officiating. Many beautiful floral pieces from fraternal organizations, railway brotherhoods and sympathizing friends were banded about the casket in the chapel, bearing evidence of the high esteem in which the deceased was held by a large circle of friends. The body was laid to rest in the O. O. F. cemetery west of this city.

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