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## East Oregonian

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18, 1902.

The history of government contains few more shameful chapters than that which records the transfer, by legislatures, courts and executives, of the people, the country and its resources, to the domination of the capitalists, their heirs and assigns forever—Edward Bellamy.

### SOCIALISM.

The lecture of Eugene V. Debs in this city was a surprise to many of the thinking men and women who listened to it.

Although the masses in the country are well informed on current questions and issues, there are those who confound socialism with anarchy. Many think that socialism means universal disorder, relief from personal responsibility, and a chaos of industrial and property rights.

The surprise of the lecture was that although a socialist lecture, delivered by the foremost socialist of the country, it advocated the most perfect enjoyment of opportunity, the perfect development of individuals and the harmonious management of public utilities for public good.

It is safe to say that the number of socialists at heart, in this city, is one hundred per cent greater today than yesterday. The audience was not idle while the principles were being enlarged upon. It was a thinking, reasoning, average American audience, susceptible to logic, whether coming from socialist, democrat or republican.

Socialism is before the public. It is one of the great issues, and the quicker its study is taken up the more justly its final outcome will seem to those who may live to see its power enthroned.

Judge Gray seems to be determined to go to the very bottom of labor conditions in the coal regions. The operators are not the only persons who are being mercilessly flogged by public opinion. Some of the miners whose incomes were sufficient to support a family, have allowed their 12-year-old daughters to work in the

mills, at \$1.50 per week. There may be extenuating circumstances in some instances of child labor, but it does not appear that a miner who owns his home, and has an income of \$500 per year, is justified in making a slave of his child. Not all the miners are saints, nor all the operators sinners. Wherever wrong is found, by the investigations, it should be made public. The object of this costly and wearisome task is to get at the truth of this aggravated labor trouble, and no matter where the thunderbolt of truth falls, it should be welcomed and will be welcomed, by a waiting and impatient public.

The grewsome announcement that the body of the late Sol Hirsch has been incased in two feet of cement, and will be guarded until the cement hardens, to prevent the possibility of the grave being robbed, sends a thrill of indignation through the hearts of the people. Is there a suitable punishment for the fiend who robs a grave? The leeches of the world are not satisfied with stripping the substance from the living, but pursue the dead, in their lust for gain.

Haddock, one of the independent operators surprised the arbitration board by asserting that he believed the present conditions in the coal regions justified the demands of the miners' union. Mr. Haddock follows in the rear of public sentiment on this issue, by at least six months. He should tell the country something it doesn't know.

The patriotic ardor of the American is ever ready to aid the weak. A party of young men from Montana has volunteered its services to Venezuela. They are ready to fight the British, Germans or any other strong nation, which wantonly attacks the weaker. Just now the international aspects of the Venezuelan matter are such that Uncle Sam is liable to have another case before the Hague tribunal, if he don't hold his temper.

The great tide of sentiment in favor of the Lewis and Clark fair, still rolls in. Utah answers the challenge of Oregon and builds a signal fire. Oregon herself is growing stronger and stronger in the determination to make this the most glorious occasion of the century. If a half million is not enough, make it three-quarters. Oregon cannot afford to be dumb when

such patriotic sentiment comes from other states.

### THE COURSE OF EMPIRE.

A monument placed last Wednesday in a lonely field between Wigg's station and Elizabethtown, seven miles southeast of Columbus, Ind., marks the center of population of the United States proper at the end of the nineteenth century. It also commemorates the folly of those who at the century's beginning thought it impossible that seaboard civilization would ever pass beyond the Alleghenies. Our center of population, including Alaska, Porto Rico and the Philippines is somewhere in Kansas—exactly where is unknown, as we have no census of the Philippines.

In 100 years the center traveled westward 478 miles, or about three feet an hour. The line made by its progress was drawn to its southernmost point in 1830 by the development of Kentucky, Tennessee and the lower Mississippi region, wavered North until 1870, went South in 1880 and Northward again in 1890. Its longest jump was 81 miles between 1850 and 1860 because of the California gold fever; the shortest was from 1890 to 1900, when because of the growth of the Eastern cities it traveled but 14 miles west, and when the development of Texas, which gains as many congressmen in the new apportionment as New York, and of Oklahoma and the Indian territory, deflected it three miles south. At the end of the century it is very nearly due west of where it started.

Where will the center be in A. D. 2000? Eastern prophets see it crawling slowly into Illinois and there pausing. Far western men say that it will continue to go rapidly westward. Systematic irrigation, with its small farms and compact civilization, they say, is only beginning the transformation of the West into plains as rich and populous as Babylon's of old, and they may not be dreaming. If the center were to move westward in this century just as it did in the last, the year 2000 would find it in Missouri a little southeast of Leavenworth, Kas., where it would still be considerably east of the geographical center. For this is indeed a very big country—New York World.

### WHEN LIFE'S AT STAKE

The most timid man will take any chance of escape. The slender rope dropped down the precipice, the slippery log over the abyss, anything that offers a chance of life, is eagerly snatched at. The end the man seeks is safety.

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