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I wonder if ever a song was sung,
But that the singer's heart was sweeter,
I wonder if ever a rhyme was rung,
But the thought surpassed the meter?
I wonder if ever the sculptor wrought,
Till the cold stone echoed his inmost thought?
Or if ever a painter, with light and shade,
The dream of his inmost soul portrayed?
—Anonymous.

SOCIALISM IN OREGON.

One of the greatest advances of socialism in Oregon comes from an unexpected quarter. It is a surprise to the adherents of the party.

Usually socialism is confined to the cities. Its strength is augmented by the dissatisfied labor element. Idleness and labor difficulties are prolific sources of socialist votes. But Oregon has shown a wonderful growth of socialist strength from a slowly-moving, farming community where a labor union is practically unknown, and where all the community stands on one common, happy level.

Crook county papers announce that the socialist clubs in that county now number about 200 members. In 1902 the socialist vote of that county was but 76, and this increase in less than two years, amounts to 253 per cent.

This extraordinary growth of socialist principles from an interior stock and farming community, separated from the fermenting metropolitan population, means that the socialism in that community is based upon sober study and thought, independent of any aggravating economic surroundings, and must therefore be permanent.

It is not surprising that socialism is growing in the cities where wage systems and municipal government form fruitful themes of discussion among voters. But this remarkable growth in the interior of Oregon, among a class of people farthest removed from the clash of labor and capital, is astonishing, even to its most ardent advocates.

On a like basis of increase Umatilla county should now have 318 socialist votes against 121 cast in 1902. If Pendleton has increased in socialist strength in proportion to Portland, there are almost 300 socialist votes in this city at the present. While Portland has not made the same phenomenal growth witnessed in Crook county, the propaganda work in that city has doubled the membership of the clubs since 1902, giving Multnomah county a socialist vote of 2,900 at this time, or an increase of 100 per cent since the election in 1902, at which time she cast 1,450 socialist votes.

An increase of 253 per cent

throughout the state would give the socialists 14,700 votes in 1904, against 5,600 in 1902. If every farming community is experiencing the same powerful government of reform, the socialist party promises to play even a more active part in Oregon than did the populist party at the hey day of its existence.

If Crook county, with a total vote of 1,138 in 1902, has now a socialist vote of .200, they hold the balance of power there, as the democrat and republican parties cast 464 and 562 votes respectively in 1902, and a combination against either of them would mean defeat.

The other counties casting a heavy socialist vote in 1902 were Wasco, 202; Marion, 277; Baker, 227; Jackson, 238; Clackamas, 592; Coos and Douglas, 200 each; Umatilla, 121, and Grant county, 112.

The growth of municipal ownership of electric light and power plants, water systems and county and city poor farms, indicate that the socialist idea is gaining ground in Oregon unawares.

GOOD WORK OF THE SESSION.

While it is too early to pass upon the wisdom of all the laws enacted by the special session, the manner in which work was rushed and the willingness exhibited by a majority of the members, to do the right thing by the people, and make the expense of the session as light as possible, is highly commendable, and will stand as one of the bright spots along the history of Oregon politics.

There is a strong sentiment in the state in favor of the Phelps tax law, as being more favorable to the general run of taxpayers, on account of making taxes payable in the fall of the year, when money is more easy and while the people are glad to have the tax question settled in any just manner the Phelps law has many ardent supporters, and will probably be introduced at the regular session. The re-enactment of the \$300 exemption clause of the tax law meets with universal approval, and was only omitted from the law by an oversight.

The failure of the anti-gambling law, making gambling a felony, with a severe penalty including imprisonment and a fine, will be regretted by many, who had hoped to meet the gambling question as successfully as Washington, whose tin horns and "boosters" have flocked to Oregon towns since the rigid enforcement of the Washington law has driven them out of that state.

The supreme effort and achievement of the special session is included in the passage of the ship canal right of way bill, which stands even ahead of the remedy of the tax law, in point of general interest to the people of Oregon.

The sickly effort of the opposition to the portage road law, made by a few disgruntled mossbacks from the backwoods of some remote corners of the Willamette valley, was so small and insignificant that it was pitiable. The broad spirit of the Oregonian came uppermost, and the state will be incomparably blessed by his wisdom, as the unfolding resources of the Inland Empire build cities and load ships from the greatest future commercial center on the Pacific—Portland, Oregon.

In an able, thoughtful, scholarly article, in the Christmas number of the Oregon Daily Journal Judge Stephen A. Lowell, of this city, reviews the history and life of the Indian tribes which united in the murder of Dr. Whitman and family, and in the destruction of that pioneer mission, just 56 years ago. Judging from the tendency of the Indian today, and his slow adaptation to the ways of civilization, Judge Lowell makes an eloquent and thrilling prophecy that unless all signs fail, the race which murdered its best friend, on that memorable day in

1847, will have vanished from the earth on the 100th anniversary of that tragedy. Once the most powerful tribes in the Northwest, the Umatillas, Cayuses and Walla Wallas, have dwindled down and down, until they number but a handful of mongrel bloods, waiting for the slow process of civilization to remove them, through death and intermarriage.

SENTENCED TO DEATH.

More than 51,000 persons are under sentence of death by railway accident in the United States, execution to occur during the next five years. The 51,000 are plodding along in blissful ignorance of their doom, but it is as certain as the rising of the sun, unless startling reforms are instituted by the railways of that period. Thus Josiah Strong stated the case in a lecture the other night before the American Institute of Social Service. The figures upon which he bases this estimate are interesting. During the last five years 35,890 persons have been killed on the railways of this country. During that time there have been 253,823 injured—a number greater than the entire population of Minneapolis. The death rate averaged would be 21 a day. If the ratio of increase continues, the total number of fatalities in the next five years will be 51,881.

In the United States the rate of mortality to railway employees during a year is one for every 300 employed. In Germany it is one for every 750 and in Austria one for every 1,967. Human life is held twice as dear here by the railways as in Germany and three times as cheap as in Austria. In injuries not fatal the comparison is still more humiliating to this country. In the United States one in 33 is injured, in Germany one in 169 and in Austria one in 292.

Due allowance must be made for the speed of our trains, the impossibility of making long stretches of track through comparatively thinly settled territory as safe as the railways can be made in Europe. A percentage of the casualties among employees may be justly charged to the greater recklessness of American workmen, but when every proper allowance is made the difference in railway mortality here and in Europe is not accounted for except upon the theory that "they do some things better abroad."

State and governmental care for the safety of passengers and employees is not exercised here as it is abroad and perhaps we should object to such "paternalism" if it were attempted. There is less general use of safety appliances here and our deadly grade crossings are almost unknown in Europe.—Exchange.

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