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WOMAN SOCIALIST FLAYS OLD PARTIES

Anna A. Maley, in Scathing Address, Arraigns Republicans and Democrats—Socialism Logical Party of People of Country

Anna A. Maley, woman's National Organizer of the Socialist party, gave an address on Socialism at Stribach's hall Thursday evening. Miss Maley is a woman of strong personality, and a forceful and logical speaker. She does not depend upon flowery flights of oratory to keep the attention of her hearers, but deals in plain facts, and convinces by her earnestness.

"The Socialist party," said Miss Maley, "is the only party that is really sincere in its promises, and is the logical, constructive party of the people. Protection under the Republican party does not protect, and the tariff is a farce. The coolies of China and India operate our American made machinery either here or in their own countries, under American ownership, and bring their labor under direct competition with American labor; this lowers the wages in this country and will gradually lower the standard of citizenship in America."

"Socialists," said the speaker, "contend for an equal division of the profits of toil. With the advent of new labor-saving machinery the profits have become greater and greater for the class and less for the wage earner. Under the present increasing cost of living the working men realize that conditions will soon become unbearable, and that a radical change in the methods of government must be made."

Among the many strong statements made by the speaker during the course of her lecture were the following: "The Republican party had promised to regulate the trusts, and the Democrats had promised to bust them, but the better plan would be to own them under Socialism. Seventy

years ago there were no tramps; now there are so many that they have a language of their own. Ten millions of people in America never get their heads above the poverty line. Eighteen thousand children under the Roosevelt administration were working twelve hour shifts in the textile factories of the South. The first thing Roosevelt saw when he landed in America after his hunting trip was a battleship; one per cent of the cost of a first-class battleship would pay the salaries of twenty-five college professors for one year. Under the present system only 76 per cent of eighth grade graduates are able to attend High school. Working people only get one-sixth of what they earn. Only 48 per cent of the farmers own their own lands. A farmer in Washington sold thirty-three dollars worth of produce for which he received five dollars; the trusts got the rest, and if they could tan the hides of the working class they would come and get them."

Miss Maley is possessed of a nimble wit, and drove her statements home with many sharp pointed jokes. One she got off on the present occupant of the White house, and which caused considerable merriment, was that Taft had joined some kind of a pick and shovel laborers' organization, but that it would be just as consistent for him to join a wash-tub society, as he would have about as much chance of using one as the other, for reasons known to the audience.

Some people are so big-headed that when they have a headache it affects them all over.

When you see a young man on a weighing machine the chances are that he wants to ascertain how noticeable his load is.

FARMERS WHO ARE NOW SAVING MONEY

AGRICULTURISTS in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, have developed a business ability which is paying them a big financial profit. Five years ago 25 of them organized a small co-operative association for the purpose of buying goods direct from manufacturers and selling to themselves at cost. The work was crudely handled, and the organization was not particularly well balanced, but it proved popular, new members joined the original 25, and the business of the first year aggregated \$9000. This determined the originators of the scheme to broaden their field, cover the entire country and incorporate the Lancaster County Farmers' Association. They did, and today have a membership of 500 and a business of \$50,000 yearly, which is growing fast.

In the beginning a few farmers talked among themselves and debated whether it would be possible to save money by buying certain things in common. This led to a meeting of the 25 at the house of J. W. Root, near Manheim, Pa., and the organization of a small co-operative society, to be conducted by an executive committee. Local merchants opposed the plan, and a campaign was started among the farmers, which resulted in the present association. J. W. Root is the president and general manager, and a board of nine directors is composed of farmers living near the towns of Manheim, Lititz, Willowstreet and Lancaster. A store and warehouse was built at Mechanicsville, on the trolley line leading to Lancaster, and the business of buying and selling everything needed by the farmer except groceries and clothing, began. The capitalization was

IN MEMORY OF HARVEY W. SCOTT EDITOR, SCHOLAR, EMPIRE BUILDER

Exercises at Pacific University on September twenty-ninth under Auspices of Trustees—President W. N. Ferrin to Preside—Addresses will be Made by Men Prominent in the Past and Present History of Oregon, and Close Associates of P. U. Graduate

Memorial services for the late Harvey W. Scott, one of Oregon's earliest pioneers, first graduate of Pacific University, and for over forty years editor of the Oregonian will be held in Marsh hall, September the twenty-ninth under the auspices of the trustees of the University. President W. N. Ferrin will preside, and will give an introductory address. The principal address of the occasion will be delivered by Hon. W. D. Fenton, of Portland, who will give a general resume of the

life and works of Mr. Scott. Short addresses will be given by several prominent men of the state, who will speak of the different phases in the life of Mr. Scott. Among the speakers will be: Ex-Governor T. T. Geer, who will tell of Mr. Scott as he knew him in public life; Edgar B. Piper, managing editor of the Oregonian, who will speak of the great editor as an associate in the editorial work of the Oregonian for many years; Rev. T. L. Eliot, D. D., of Portland, who will speak of his religious character, and George H. Himes, Secretary of the Oregon Historical Society, who will tell of his life as a pioneer. Appropriate music will be rendered. Special invitations will be sent to prominent men and women of Oregon and the Northwest to attend the memorial services, and an invitation to the general public will be given. This will be the first public service held in memory of Mr. Scott since his burial, and a large attendance is expected. A conference was held with the family



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of Mr. Scott, and the arrangements have met with their hearty approval.

As Harvey Scott was a graduate of a Forest Grove educational institution, and as because of that fact the city has had much added to its fair fame, it is likely that the business houses will close during the time of the memorial services and the citizens of the town will attend in a body to pay tribute to the memory of the great editor and empire builder.

\$15,000, the members paid 50 cents a year each to cover the cost of printing and such incidental expenses, while a small profit was added to the cost of the goods in order to meet all expenses of operating the business.

How well the enterprise has succeeded is evidenced by the fact that a business of \$50,000 was done last year with a saving of 20 per cent to the members of the association. Besides effecting this saving it was found that a profit of 10 per cent had been earned. It was decided to declare a dividend of 5 per cent and hold the other 5 per cent in a reserve fund. During the first five months of this year the association did a business of \$30,000, and

it is believed that the years aggregate will be at least \$75,000.

Recently the association has extended the field of its operations beyond the merely commercial side. Rooms have been fitted up over the warehouse and after the monthly business meetings a program is presented for the entertainment and instruction of the members. Topics of agricultural, domestic, scientific and literary import are assigned and discussed. Readings and lectures are given by men from the state board of agriculture and the various colleges and universities.

As a result of this interchange of ideas the best results are to be obtained from the store. The farmers tell of their experiments

with various materials. They know the best goods. For instance, the seeds and fertilizers are subjected to tests and are examined by professional chemists. The member of the association knows just what he is getting when he buys from his store.

In order to add to the profits of the concern, outsiders may buy at a slightly higher rate than members of the association. Everything is sold at the purchase price with a certain percentage added so that the buyers know just what they are paying and can compare prices. As an example it is demonstrated that coal is sold to members of the association at from 75 cents to \$1 less than the usual charge. This difference is indicative of the general saving effected, but it means even more, because local merchants, in order to hold trade, are obliged to reduce prices, and this works to the advantage of the general purchasing public in the vicinity and is a factor in solving the cost of living problem.

So successful has been the experiment in Lancaster county that it is being investigated by farmers' associations in other parts of the country, and is likely to be introduced into other sections of the agricultural world. It is perhaps one of the most noteworthy examples on this side of the Atlantic of the co-operative movement which has had such great success in England, and has a number of other less conspicuous though flourishing organizations to its credit in this country.—Oregonian.

Graduate Receives Promotion

Miss Estella Stearns, who graduated this year from Pacific University, and who has been Beach correspondent for the Oregonian this summer, has been retained by that paper as society editor. Miss Stearns, while living in this city, was a social favorite among the younger set. She has a special aptitude for journalism, and her many friends in Forest Grove will be glad to hear of her promotion.

Brother of Jacob Shearer Dies at Tillamook

F. M. Shearer, of Tillamook, brother of Jacob Shearer of this city, died at his home Sunday, his death being caused by blood-poisoning resulting from a scratch on the finger. He was born in Page county, Iowa, in 1853, and was married to Sarah Latimer of Tillamook, in 1883. Besides his widow he is survived by three children; Otto, August and Christie, and three brothers and one sister. He was buried Monday at Tillamook.

Special Session of Council

The city council met in special session Tuesday night. The mayor, four councilmen, treasurer, recorder and Chief of Police were present.

It was moved and seconded that a committee be appointed to investigate the feasibility of removing the light plant, the object being to locate the plant nearer the railroad, in order to facilitate the getting of fuel. The mayor appointed councilmen Hinman, Abraham and Hines a committee to make the investigation.

The proposition of Mr. Allison that the city furnish pipe, Allison lay the pipe and the city have control over the same, was accepted. Mr. Allison will take water from the mains between the city and the intake.

An ordinance creating the office of Fire Warden, providing for his appointment, and defining his duties, has been drafted by the city attorney, but no action was taken thereon by the council.