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The Japanese of the United States are raising \$10,000,000 as a war fund for Japan, while the Russians in America are rapidly taking out citizenship papers lest they be called out to serve in the Russian army. The Napoleonic wars forced all the European countries except Russia to dispense with feudal oppression and cultivate individual patriotism among their people. France had thrown off the feudal yoke and was a terror among nations. Were it not for the fact that the English people were also free enough from feudalism and strong enough in patriotism, France would have made Europe one nation. Russian rule has been a continual contest between the people and the ruler and love of country is at a low ebb. The Czar will now be forced to make his rule lighter and to cultivate the good will of his people and give them more freedom. Thus the war will in the end benefit the Russian people. The contrast in patriotism between the two peoples shows strongly the need of a new style of government in Russia.

When the proper time arrives the people will gladly return him, (Mitchell) to the Senate, in which body of distinguished legislators he is without a peer; and his only reason for desiring to see Williamson succeed himself is because he is an able man, a man fully qualified to represent this district in the Lower House; he is a man who can be trusted, a fact that cannot be affirmed of Moody. Williamson can be counted on when a friend's assistance is called into requisition, and Moody's friendship is calloused over with selfishness, is like a bubble. Williamson will fight for a friend whether it be the State of Oregon or a private individual, whilst Moody will desert at the first fire. Baker county is for Williamson. And the independent faction of Simon-Moodyites had just as well know the fact now as later on.—Baker City Herald.

P. T. Barnum once said that the American people like to be humbugged. Dowieism goes to prove this. Dowie collected millions of dollars from a lot of foolish people who committed their souls and money to his keeping. As a vile and arrogant fraud he has never been surpassed since the days of Jack Cade. He is now in Australia and his methods are met in that country with a more commendable spirit. He attempted his abuse and browbeating tactics and was chased by a howling mob which scared him nearly to death. Though well educated and generally intelligent the American people are exceedingly whimsical on questions bordering on religion.

The socialist party will have a presidential candidate in the next campaign. The socialistic doctrine as it is being advanced by the party in this country has nothing very new about it. The theories are largely those of Carl Marx, a German Jew of a philosophical turn of mind. Marx's doctrine is based on two principles. One principle is that all men are brothers and that the weaker members of society ought to be protected. The other part of the doctrine

deals with the division of the products resulting from mankind's endeavors, and Marx held that under the present capitalistic system the division of earnings is grossly unjust. He explains that capital and labor working together produce wealth. A part of this wealth must be used as it is produced for the support of the factors to its production but a surplus remains which must be divided between capital and labor. This surplus, according to Marx, is largely appropriated by the capitalist and labor is excluded from its just share and from obtaining a hold upon capital and land, the sources of production. Under such conditions, allowing for exceptions, it is once a laborer always a laborer. Socialism teaches that the government should be the sole capitalist and that all production should be divided among the worker producing it. Many small attempts to put socialism into practice have been made but without success. A form of it was tried in Paris and at points throughout the United States but in no case has it succeeded. The socialistic movement has reached great proportions among the labor unions of Germany. The theory has pleased the German workman and he has studied the question deeply. Socialism in America has also come to public attention by way of the labor union, and as the teachings of Marx are very prominent it is clear that German workmen introduced the socialistic doctrine here. There are many of our laws that are socialistic in their nature. The laws which provide for education of the young and the support of incompetent persons by the public are examples of pure socialism, so is government control of the postal system and laws requiring employers to provide a safe place for their workmen to labor. As yet the American socialist is far behind the German workman in his understanding of the socialistic doctrine. He puts in too much time abusing the present system and not enough on perfecting a socialistic system which would work in practice. The American literature of socialism is a little on the "War Cry" order.

A Minnesota congressman says that he looks over each week nearly every newspaper published in his district. As he is a republican in politics he was asked whether he received any democratic roasts and admitted he did. "But," he said, "you ought to see the roasts they give my republican who comes out for my office. The same feeling prevails among the democratic newspapers in this congressional district. The political complexion of the district has been republican for some years and when democrats have had interests which required the attention of a congressman they naturally sought the assistance of their representative. Outside of federal patronage Williamson has always shown great industry in attending to the needs of constituents without regard to politics and this fact, together with a strong belief in his sincerity and honesty, has won the good will of a great many democrats. Nothing in politics has been so detrimental to public good as the activity of one party in aiding a weak candidate to gain the nomination of the other party. The weak man has won too often and brought disgrace upon his constituents. Like Caesar's wife, a candidate for congress must be above suspicion.

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