

MAINE BLOWN UP BY BOMB BY ELECTRICIAN

MERIDEN, Conn., Nov. 4.—The statement of Captain Jasper Brady in Kansas City a few days ago that the battleship Maine was blown up in Havana harbor by a Cuban electrician stationed at Morro fortress, was corroborated here today by Francis Atwater of Meriden, who published a newspaper in Havana at the time of the explosion.

Atwater said that he called the state department on November 4, 1900, reciting the alleged action of Jose Zavallos, the electrician. Atwater declared today that a detective told him the facts and asserted that Zavallos had been poisoned. Atwater sent the information to Secretary Root, who acknowledged its receipt. He does not think, however, that Secretary Root paid any attention to the information.

ONLY MANSLAUGHTER, SAYS JUDGE OF CASE

NEW YORK, Nov. 4.—At the close of the testimony for the defense today in the trial of Edward Rosenheimer, a millionaire, charged with murder in the first degree for the death of Grace Hough, killed when the buggy in which she was riding was struck by Rosenheimer's automobile, the court instructed that the automobile driver could be held for no offense more serious than second degree manslaughter.

Justice O'Gorman, as the defense rested, struck from the indictment the first and second degree murder charges and the first degree manslaughter charge.

He instructed the jury that if Rosenheimer were found guilty, second degree manslaughter was the most serious offense of which he could be convicted.

APPLES SENT TO CHICAGO LAND SHOW

W. E. Kahler, the efficient secretary of the Central Point Commercial club, has secured a number of boxes of choice apples and pears and has forwarded them to Portland from where they will go on to Chicago to be placed on exhibition at the big National Land show, which will be held the last of the present month. Some particularly fine specimens of Spitzenbergs were supplied from F. H. Madden's orchard and some particularly fine Winter Nelis pears were furnished by Superintendent Brooks, of the Snowy Butte orchards.

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H. W. JACKSON.

COMMUNICATIONS

To the Editor:

As far as Joshua Patterson is concerned, as a man, he may be good enough, but as commissioner he is a back number—at least 50 years behind in his methods of road building. We want an up-to-date, progressive man in his place, that will use modern methods in road building and build permanent roads.

We also need a man that is fair and will give each precinct the amount of work or money for roads that it is entitled to, according to the road tax that it pays in.

The road work in this county for the year has cost nearly \$100,000 and we have little to show for it in our section. Instead of letting the work out by contract to men who understand road building, he hires green hands by the day. It costs more and the work is improperly done.

One instance came under my observation, where a new piece of road was surveyed in the spring of 1909, and enough work donated by the voters of that precinct to put the road through, but Mr. Patterson had a pet that was not pleased, so he had it surveyed over, and now, after a delay of eighteen months, it is being done at the county's expense, and will probably cost the taxpayers \$500. Is that economy?

TAXPAYER.

Woodville, Or., Nov. 2.

To the Editor:

I have been familiar with Mr. Patterson's road work for the past ten years. To compare the roads then and now is to make one long argument form the good work that has been accomplished by Commissioner Patterson on the highways of Jackson county.

His work for the public has always been done with the same careful attention that a good business man gives to the details of his own business; with the same economy and endeavor to make every dollar expended bring a dollar's worth of work for the county.

Patterson is no dupe, for duces never do things, and Patterson does. He is one of the truest, best men that ever served the public. I am a Democrat, but I shall vote Patterson for commissioner, for I know when I vote him that I am safeguarding my interest as a taxpayer, and placing a trusted guardian to drive grafters from the county treasury, and keeping at his work for the public, the best and most faithful road worker that Jackson county has ever had.

JAS. I. FREDENBURG.
Gold Hill, Or., Nov. 3.

To Whom It May Concern:

In January, 1907, I found Joshua Patterson with his feet in mud holes knee-deep in a big mud hole just this side of Talent. I stopped him and said: "This is just the place I wanted to find you in." (He had been appointed road overseer about a week before.) We discussed the road question for some time, Patterson promising to make these mud holes in the first piece of road graded by Patterson. At that time there were hundreds of such mud holes in the main traveled road between Ashland and Medford and Jacksonville. Now one can go from the city limits of Ashland for 29 or 39 miles on the main traveled roads and not find a single place as bad as the first described one. We have made more progress in road building since Joshua Patterson began work than there had been in the 45 years previous.

In my opinion, the Jackson county roads that have been built are substantial and are giving good satisfaction to all but a very few city people, who would have us understand that they are accustomed to live where the community had unlimited funds for street building, so that if need be the streets could be sandpapered and varnished.

I have known Joshua Patterson since he was a young man and have found him a hard worker, capable, honest, straightforward, with plenty of good horse sense, who will work as hard for the county's interest as though he personally had to pay all the expenses of running the county. On election day let our voters show that we appreciate faithful and intelligent service by a county commissioner.

Yours for everything that betters and builds up the best interests of Jackson county.

(Signed) E. K. ANDERSON.
Ashland, Or., Nov. 2, 1910.

To the Editor:

In a recent issue of a Medford newspaper the editor took exception to some statements made by Eugene V. Dett in his address on Sunday, October 23. All socialists are really pleased over the statement of the Medford paper—they are so confident in the truth of their position that they court opposition, and it is a satisfaction to them to have the different opinions expressed in public.

Is the laboring man a slave? The newspaper says not. What is a slave? Isn't a slave a man who is subject to the will of another? When a laboring man asks for a job has not the employer the right to refuse? Since the employer possesses the means of supporting life and the workingman must labor in order to obtain these means in order to exist, the working man is dependent upon the capitalist who employs him; therefore is subject to his will. But you say he has the privilege of quitting his work when he wishes. How long can a workingman exist without his wages? By his very necessities he is driven to labor, and if he quits one job it means simply a change of masters. In chattel slavery the master hunted his slave; in wage slavery the slave must hunt his master. Which is best for the master? What do the socialists propose? That since the man who owns the means of supporting life controls that life, in order to be free from

slavery the people should collectively own the capital. Therefore, "workingmen of all countries, unite" and free yourselves.

Our editor calls attention to the men of Medford who once were workmen and now own automobiles. What per cent of the men who were workmen now own automobiles? At the present rate of wages, how long would it take a workman after he pays for his living, rent, etc., to buy an automobile or even an acre of land near Medford? Is it a fair proposition to cite a city like Medford of 25 years' growth as a sample of what is true of the country in general? Meyers History states, "Through the employment of the forces of nature and the uses of improved machinery, economic goods that are produced adapted to the uses of men can be produced in unlimited quantities. But the increase in societies' productive power has brought little or no corresponding augmentation of material welfare to the laboring classes. Owing to some defect in the industrial system a few receive a disproportionate share of its benefits. Great monopolies or trusts are created, fabulous fortunes are amassed by a few individuals, while the vast majority of laborers for wages with their toililing comparatively little, receive nothing beyond a bare subsistence."

Our editor goes on to say "that while labor should have what it produced, capital should also have what it produced." What does capital produce? Isolate capital to itself and how much will it increase? Move the person out of Medford for ten years and keep them out and how much will it grow? How would the Medford newspapers get printed without labor? Move the capital out of Medford and labor can reproduce it.

Abraham Lincoln said: "Capital is the product of labor."

The socialists do not propose to destroy capital. They simply propose that such capital that is collectively used shall be collectively owned. If, as our friend, the editor, says, "that labor is dependent upon capital," how can men be free and at the same time be dependent upon another class of men? If men are dependent, aren't they slaves?

Our editor also says "that as an ideal your socialism is all right, but it is impossible to realize with human nature as it is." Has human nature always been as it is? In the study of biology we find that in the struggle for existence the history of life is but a continual adapting itself to its environment. As environment changed, so must the nature of life change. That life which failed to adapt itself to the changing conditions in which it is found ceased to exist. Human life is no exception to the general law. In the present phase of economic evolution, organization is the order of the day. The wealth of the nation is gradually concentrating as to be controlled by a few men. The great middle class, or business men of comparatively small means, are gradually being absorbed by the capitalist interests. By the present trend of concentration of wealth, in a few decades there will be only two classes left in society—the few men of mighty wealth and the great class of laboring men or proletarians. In order to continue their existence, it is necessary for the laboring men to organize. It is not a question of choice—it is a question of necessity. It is the simple adapting themselves to the new environment. In other words, their natures have got to change to suit the conditions.

The motto, "Workingmen of all countries, unite," suggests but the fulfillment of the eternal law. Socialism is but the interpretation of economic evolution. We will adopt it, not because we wish, but because it is absolutely necessary.

Do socialists believe in education? Decidedly so. We believe in a revolutionary change from the old system of capitalist system to the new system of collective capitalism. As the historian states, "There can be no revolution without renaissance." We mean by a renaissance a campaign of education to prepare the human mind so the revolutionary institutions of learning, every socialist will undoubtedly vote for our normal and high schools.

It is a significant fact that in the European countries where education is the most advanced, there is the least socialism. Where the greatest illiteracy, the least socialism. If the opponent wishes to destroy socialism they must destroy the public school system.

Why do we not hear more of the socialist candidates? The socialists are not boasting of the personal qualities of their candidates; they are fighting for a principle. A vote for the principle is what they want and not for the individual. Socialism lets the office hunt the man and not the man the office. By the way, when the socialists have been selected to office they have always made good and fulfilled the trust placed in them.

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