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COMMUNICATION.

To the editor: The following is in reply to an editorial in the Mail Tribune of March 25, 1912, under the heading "Socialists Wasting Energy."

The editor says: "No one who has examined the subject can see any harm in the Boy Scout movement."

Socialists are opposed to militarism believing war is legalized murder on a large scale and a relic of barbarism.

War is murder and destruction, it is anti-social, anti-religious, and has been, and is now, one of the greatest curses of society.

The writer agrees with the editor that there is much to recommend the policy of Gov. West in regard to convict labor, and that there is reason in the editor's contention favorable thereto.

The state should guarantee to every citizen employment and the means of life; thus doing away with a condition wherein there is competition between free labor and convict labor.

One wishes the socialists would do something besides knock—that they would originate something besides protest—that they would justify their existence and claims for the advancement of humanity by something besides opposition to anything and everything others are attempting.

Only those make no mistakes who do nothing—but the socialists do nothing and still make mistakes.

The answer is that socialists are certainly uncompromising "knockers" of every abuse of the present industrial system, wherein the workers are exploited for profit; and they believe there can be no essential material relief from the present condition of inequality of opportunity and social injustice before a reorganization of society on a "production for use" basis.

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STULTIFICATION OF SELLING.

Under the caption, "Then and Now," the Portland Oregonian of March 27 reprints the following from the Mail Tribune:

There is no reason why anyone in Jackson county should vote for Mr. Selling. When the Medford delegation visited Salem Mr. Selling promised his support to the Crater Lake road bill and afterwards violated this verbal promise given at a luncheon to half a dozen Medford men.

The Oregonian comments as follows upon the above: "Here is an appeal to the local prejudice that would be contemptible enough if the statements on which it is based were true; but, since they are not true, it could only have been inspired by an unscrupulous purpose to go to any extreme of misrepresentation to injure Mr. Selling."

Two years after the Crater Lake episode, Senator Selling as candidate for president of the state senate received the open support of this same Medford newspaper and the senator from Jackson county.

It would be well for the Oregonian to ascertain facts before resorting to its customary tactics of calling those who disagree with it liars. It knows nothing of the Crater Lake road bill (which it refused to support) except hearsay.

February 3, 1909, some sixty Crater Lake boosters from Medford arrived in Salem. Ben Selling, then senator from Multnomah, went to lunch with several of them, including W. E. Isaacs and Col. F. L. Tou Velle.

Notwithstanding these declarations, after the bill had passed the house, and was before the senate, Senator Selling went back upon his promise of support and became an open opponent—opposed the project solely on the ground of economy, never mentioned the constitutionality of the bill, which he was not competent to pass upon.

Senator Selling actively opposed the bill, publicly ridiculed Crater Lake, which he had never seen, declared it did not rank with natural wonders, and offered, according to senate records, a substitute measure, cutting the appropriation in half.

Will G. Steel, who was on the ground at Salem at the time, along with the editor of the Mail Tribune, asserts: "Mr. Selling did not oppose the Crater Lake bill on the ground of unconstitutionality, for everybody who was present on the last day of the legislature and heard Selling's words knows that he voted first to consider the minority report, which cut the appropriation from \$100,000 to \$50,000, and if one was unconstituted, so was the other."

Mr. Selling has plenty of money, time and disposition to visit other natural wonders, but has never had time, money or disposition to visit Crater Lake, and if he was not seeking votes would doubtless express himself as of old, with utter contempt for Oregon's greatest natural wonder—but he wants votes—which makes a difference until after election.

The Mail Tribune supported Mr. Selling for president of the senate, in spite of his traitor record on the Crater Lake bill, not because it had any love for him, but at that time he was the candidate of the progressives, of those who believed in the Oregon system, for the office.

The Oregonian supported Mr. Bowerman for president of the senate and opposed Mr. Selling. The Oregonian was then reactionary. It is still reactionary, yet we find the Oregonian now supporting Mr. Selling for the United States senate.

Neither the Oregonian nor the Mail Tribune have "stultified" themselves. They have not changed their politics or policy. But Mr. Selling has. He has gone over to the reactionary camp, bag and baggage—hence the support of the Oregonian and the opposition of the Mail Tribune.

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JOLTS AND JINGLES

By Ad Brown

Only Posing. A "high-browed" book he keeps at hand.

The visitor, you understand, To wrong conclusion speeds, In that he thinks the crafty wight Loves knowledge wondrous deep.

A "high-browed" play he talks about, Of hisben and the rest. He turns the drama inside out, Performs the acid test.

After the election it will be easier to tell which is the Matt.

We read Wong Hong was killed in a long battle. Sounds like someone beating on a brass kettie.

Good evening, have you filed your name for office yet?

According to the Oregonian Roosevelt was rebuked in North Dakota. By the same token Taft must have been almost murdered.

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business of Jackson county on a strictly business basis, and to the best interests of the taxpayers, and without fear or favor to any party, parties or to any particular section of the county.

For County Judge. I am a candidate for the nomination of county judge of Jackson county to be determined by the will of the voters at the primaries April 19, 1912.

I will during my term of office, as soon as lawful authority of the voters can be secured, bond the county and begin the construction of a scientific system of permanent roads.

I hereby announce my candidacy for the above named office, subject to the Republican primaries in April, I respectfully refer the electors to my past record as a deputy prosecuting attorney of this district has conferred. Very respectfully, J. N. JOHNSTON.

County Surveyor. I hereby announce my candidacy for the above named office, subject to the Republican primaries in April, I respectfully refer the electors to my past record as a deputy prosecuting attorney of this district has conferred. Very respectfully, T. W. OSGOOD.

For Sheriff. I respectfully present my name to the republican voters as candidate for sheriff of Jackson county at the coming primaries. I have served two terms as constable of Medford district, and if nominated and elected I shall serve the people in the future as in the past.

For Assessor. I hereby announce myself as a candidate for a second term for county assessor, subject to the republican primaries, April 19, 1912, and promise if nominated and elected to do my duty in the future as I have in the past.

County Recorder. I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the republican nomination for the office of county recorder, subject to the will of the voters of that party at the primaries. I was born and raised at Eagle Point, Ore. I have for the past two years been deputy in the assessor's office and all I ask the people to do is to look up my character and past record before casting their ballots.

County Clerk. I announce myself as a candidate for the republican nomination for the office of county clerk, subject to the primaries April 19, 1912.

For Representative. I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the nomination as one of the two representatives to the assembly for Jackson county, to be chosen by the republican voters at the primary election April 19, 1912.

County Recorder. I am a candidate for a second term for the office of County Recorder on the Republican ticket, subject to the coming primary.

For Prosecuting Attorney. I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the democratic nomination for the office of prosecuting attorney for the first prosecuting attorney district of Oregon, embracing the counties of Jackson and Josephine, subject to the will of the voters of that party at the primaries, and I pledge the people of Jackson and Josephine counties that in the event of my nomination and election I will fearlessly, impartially and to the best of my ability prosecute all violations of law in said district and endeavor to administer the duties of said office with the utmost efficiency and economy.

For Representative. I respectfully present my name as candidate for representative to the republican voters at the coming primary. I have been once honored by the people of Jackson county, having been chosen to represent them in the state assembly two years ago. If nominated and elected, I shall do in the future as I have in the past; give to my constituents as honest and faithful service as lies within my power. I realize that there are matters of importance to southern Oregon that will come up in the next meeting of the legislature at Salem, and it will be my earnest desire if elected to act to the fullest satisfaction of all the people of Jackson county.

For County Commissioner. I hereby announce myself as candidate for the nomination of county commissioner for the four year term, subject to the endorsement of the republican voters at the primary election April 19, 1912.

For Sheriff. I hereby announce that I am a candidate for the Republican nomination for sheriff of Jackson county, Ore., subject to the wishes of the voters of the Republican party, to be expressed at the primary election on April 19th, 1912. In case I should be nominated and elected to the said office, I promise the people of Jackson county a businesslike administration of the office.

For Prosecuting Attorney. I hereby announce myself a candidate for the republican nomination to

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