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**THE CONGRESSIONAL SITUATION**  
The Republican and Democratic political campaign managers have gone through the preliminaries of the duel of ballots that will be fought out at the special election in the district the first Monday of June.

The Democratic committee at Eugene has challenged Herrmann to a joint debate with Reames, but the Republican committee declines this on the ground that Mr. Herrmann has already too many engagements to speak.

The district has seventeen counties and the impossibility of getting their candidate before the people of every county in the few weeks that elapse before election has no doubt suggested the joint meeting plan.

Their candidate is sadly in need of an introduction to the people of the district. He has probably never been in half the counties of the district, and cannot get into half of them before election.

The Democrats are taking a hopeful view of their chances, and profess to be very much encouraged over the outlook, although there is not a reli-

able Democratic county in the district. A Portland man, who has just returned from a tour of Southern Oregon, and who visited Ashland, Grants Pass, Medford, Jacksonville, Cottage Grove, Roseburg and Eugene, is authority for the statement, that if a full Democratic vote is polled in the first district, Reames stands a good show to be elected. "Old line Republicans tell me," said he, "that Herrmann was nominated by the same clique that nominated McBride, Mitchell, Furnish, Fulton and Williamson, and the best men in Southern Oregon were turned down in the party conferences, and have been completely out of the running. The statement is made on the best of authority to me that some of the Republicans will vote for Reames, while others are apathetic and taking little, if any, interest in the campaign. Many will stay away from the polls. This is particularly the case in Lane county. The Democratic campaign managers, at Eugene, are working day and night, with a large force, and it is expected that the full party vote will be polled in June."

As Governor Geer and his friends are all supporting Herrmann, and Senator Simon and his friends are all united for Herrmann, the above statement would imply that the whole Republican party is for him.

Conceding all that is claimed for Reames by ardent Democratic managers, he has a long ways from being anywhere near an election to congress in this district.

The great national and international problems for which the Roosevelt administration stands, and the solution of which reach into the next national administration, will help Herrmann.

They know that whatever differences he may have had with Hitchcock over the administration of public lands, Mr. Reames elected, as a Democrat, would be compelled to oppose Roosevelt on every public policy.

The man who wants to endorse and sustain the great work undertaken by the Roosevelt administration can only do so by voting for Mr. Herrmann for congress.

### ROOSEVELT ON EXPANSION.

The President's address at the opening of the St. Louis exposition, April 30th, naturally was devoted to a consideration of the territorial growth, and the problem involved, of the American Republic.

The great task of wresting sovereignty from the Old World monarchies and transforming them into free soil for the propagation of free institutions, has extended from the discoveries by Cabot to the conquests under McKinley.

Every explorer and every missionary who has penetrated toward the setting sun has unconsciously contributed to the establishment of the Western Republic, whose fame shall cast the Roman empire into an elongated and attenuated shadow.

Wherever the Anglo-Saxon conquest gains a foothold it masters the concomitant sovereignty by actual possession and occupancy of the entire community, the cultivation of the soil and the development of its resources.

That is what was done in New England, in the Mississippi valley, in the great West, and what is being done and will continue to be done in the possessions that fell to our country through the war with Spain.

American expansion is a great world movement, an overlapping of virile Western institutions upon decadent civilizations belonging to an older order of things, as one geologic formation is imposed on another.

That an aggressive national policy must attend the expansion of national domain goes without question. Therein lies the danger to the republic—that the insidious poison of monarchial rule shall be injected into the veins of our republican system.

To impose the beneficent glory of free institutions, and leave the people of all our domains the largest of self-government, and yet not establish a despotic governmental dominion over them, is it possible?

It has been possible with the territory taken from France, from Mexico and from Russia in the past. It will become possible with the island possessions taken from Spain since 1898.

Thus we sincerely believe. But to accomplish such vast results for humanity, there will be required the utmost devotion to high principles of the constitution and patriotic devotion of every intelligent man who calls himself an American.

Expansion and self-government must go hand in hand if we are to succeed. All that centralizes and concentrates power in the hands of an irresponsible few must be cast aside as un-American.

Thus Roosevelt interprets the spirit of that master statesman, who made the Louisiana purchase possible. With the name of Jefferson his name will be linked in immortal glory, if such aspirations can be brought into full or even partial fruition.

### REPORT OF COAL STRIKE COMMISSION.

The public has commended the spirit of the report and has concluded that the mismanagement of the situation shown by the operators was a somewhat worse practical offense than the conduct of the miners, which was also reprehensible.

The public will have to pay more for anthracite coal than it paid for several years before the strike, for both miners and operators will get more money because of the increase of wages. But the public is willing to accept settled conditions, even at this price.

Of course, no permanent settlement—no certain plan to prevent the recurrence at some time of another such strike—could be devised. But the recommendations of the commission go as far toward permanent prevention as could be expected. These three recommendations are the most valuable part of the report:

"The discontinuance of the system of employing 'coal and iron police,' because this force is believed to have an irritating effect, and a resort to the regularly constituted peace authorities in case of necessity.

"A stricter enforcement of the laws in relation to the employment of children.

"That the state and federal governments shall provide machinery for compulsory investigation of difficulties similar to the investigation which this commission has made."

The principle of compulsory investigation of labor troubles seems likely to be adopted. It is already embodied in a statute in Illinois, and perhaps elsewhere. And in general it may be said that the work of this commission is entitled to the heartiest appreciation of the whole country. The value of its report will increase with time and study.

### A GLORIOUS RAIN.

This part of the Willamette valley was visited by a glorious rain Wednesday night. It lasted an hour, and came in regular street-sprinkler and watering-cart style.

There is no disguising the fact that pastures have been coming along slowly, and that our spring has made haste with leaden feet, and is likely to be found lingering in the lap of summer.

But Northwestern Oregon is far in advance of Southern Oregon, and has had entire immunity from damage by frosts. All kinds of fruit trees are through blooming, although blooms may hang on for a month.

There had been much cultivation of small fruits accomplished the past week, and the rain came just in time to do the largest amount of good to the greatest number—just as all rains come in Oregon.

### THE ARGUMENT OF SOCIALISM.

Salem has heard the arguments of Socialism expounded with great energy and plausibility by several propagandists of that faith the past week.

Most of these Socialist orators are little better than the ordinary partisans of caloric and oracular proclivities of other parties. They seek, by prejudice and misrepresentation to build up a new party for political purposes.

To this end, as every new party, they appeal to the laboring man, to organized labor, and seek to array him against those who do not labor, representing that the non-laborer is the enemy of the laborer.

For the educational Socialistic propaganda all men who think and reason must have profound respect. For the mere builder of a new party, along the lines referred to, all who think can have little respect.

The greater and more reasonable mass of organized labor unions have no use for the Socialist political party, though at times they are forced to express themselves through that medium.

Rightly understood, the argument of Socialism appeals to all classes—both the organized and unorganized laborer, both the resident of cities and the resident of the farm.

Rightly understood, the non-laboring class are a blessing to the laborer and producer, for the man who does not labor with his hands must inevitably be the best patron of labor, and the best customer of the consumer.

The Socialistic ideal, of no leisure class whatever, a community of all laboring men, a community of all farmers, as producers, or a community without a man in it who ever gave employment to another, or who ever bought a dollar's worth of anything, would be unprogressive and unproductive of wealth in the true sense.

A community composed of leisure citizens, none having the stimulus to labor or the incentive to acquire property or wealth, would be equally ridic-

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and paralytic in its effect on humanity.

The Socialist orator will immediately turn round and say that he wants to establish neither one of these conditions. That he wants a happy blending of ideal conditions with equal distribution of labor and wealth we have not a particle of doubt—and less doubt that he will ever get them.

The only cogent argument of Socialism is its demand for public ownership of certain public service franchises, and for its labors in this direction all honest men will give the Socialist credit.

But the trend of modern civilization is to have just as little of this as possible—paternalism reduced to a minimum—instead of as much government as possible.

With the spirit of partisanship bred in our blood and bone, to multiply the functions and activities of government means to prostitute the masses to become mere doormats of entry to office-holding.

The Jeffersonian declaration of a little government as possible, and as large a liberty to the individual as is consistent with free institutions, as a far saner argument than the governmental department store plan of Socialism, where the citizen goes to the government for everything.

As the Socialists have a candidate for congress and only ask to have their theories discussed on their merits, there will be plenty of opportunity for entry into the details of all these matters.

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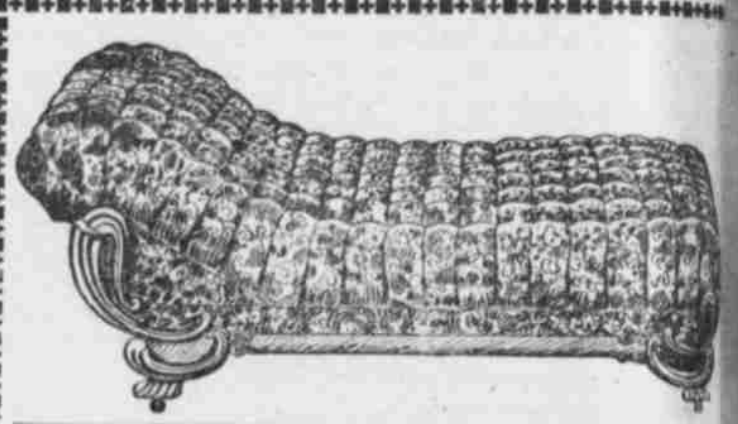
Things are not evenly balanced. Here in Oregon we are already talking strawberries, while back in the Dakotas and Nebraska they can get ice-cream in the milkhouse.

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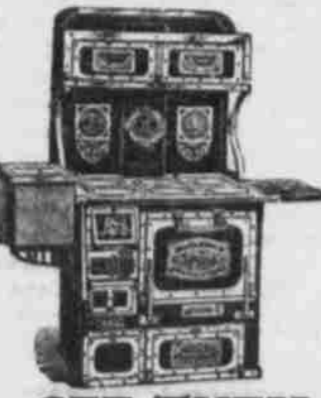


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