

WILL SOCIALISM DESTROY THE HOME

Monitor, Jan. 1.—To the Editor, Dear Sir: I am a reader of your paper and notice with pleasure that you will treat any question fairly whether it coincides with your views or not, thereby admitting that there are two sides to all questions. I am now and have been a student of a certain philosophy for about twenty years and I notice the fact that there is a concerted movement on foot at the present time attacking this philosophy by misrepresentation and vilification. In order to get the other side of the question before your intelligent readers would you publish the following question and the answer thereto?

"Will Socialism destroy the home?"
 Answer: No. Capitalism is destroying the home. The United States labor report, 18th volume, pages 5554-55, show that 58.5 per cent of all homes in the United States are rented; 14.7 per cent are mortgaged, and the free homes constitute only 31.8 per cent of the whole. Under Socialism, because of the fact that exploitation would cease and all who wished might work at any time and

receive their full product, every family would be able to own a home. To those who urge that Socialism favors free love, it is only necessary to say that the same was charged against the abolitionists of old, and I am sorry to admit that I as a boy at that time, accepted the charge as a fact. The same charge was advanced against the public (socialized) schools.

People of all shades of belief are Socialists, so it may be that some Socialists favor free love, but to judge the numerous articles found in the press of our country, I know that a great many Democrats and Republicans do not believe in free love, but actually practice it.

Socialism is a pure Democracy and the opinions of a few individuals count as nothing under an industrial democracy.
 Do you imagine that even if a majority of the people favored free love (and it would be impossible unless a majority did) it could force you to practice it unless you wished?
 It is all a cry of "Stop thief" in order to divert attention from the fact that under the present system the workers are being robbed and polluted and it is time that this open insult to a million pure men and women as are to be found in America ceased with people who make pretense to fairness and decency.

Yours respectfully,
 I. P. BUCK.

Turned Over a New Leaf.

V. O. Hughes, of Patton, with the aid of Rev. Dr. Stevenson, J. A. Lewis and a World reporter, and Miss Anna Pasley, of Brewster, turned over a new leaf last night and entered the ranks of the happy benedicts. The newlyweds left for a short honeymoon trip to Spokane today.

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Do Away With Dead Letter Office

Just a little work by the nation's law makers and a stroke of the presidential pen will throw aside one of this country's greatest burdens and save its treasury and its people the expenditure of thousands of dollars every year. The "dead letter" office in the national capitol could be abandoned and the vast sums of money expended each year for its maintenance might be turned to other departments in need. The postmaster general could make a ruling that would bring this about.

Should there be a law making it necessary that each piece and parcel of mail matter be stamped, or printed with the address of its sender, to whom it should be returned in case the one to whom it is addressed can not be found, then there would be no need of a department so expensive as the "dead letter" office.

Thousands of Clerks Paid.

Thousands of clerks and officials are employed there—hired for nothing other than to make one last attempt to find the owner or the sender of unclaimed mail. Their salaries run for past the hundreds of thousands of dollars and into the millions every year. Six, seven, eight and nine and possibly ten million pieces of unclaimed mail matter come to them each revolution of the calendar. Less than half the owners or the senders of the same can be found and carload after carload of it is destroyed. In some of it are valuable things and these are sold at auction and their prices are turned back into the fund that maintains the office.

Perhaps not one out of fifty of the nation's people know that the post-office department of the United States will print envelopes with the return address of all its patrons free. It is nevertheless true.

Government Prints Free.

One thousand of the regulation commercial size envelopes, with 2-cent stamps affixed and printed with the address of the patron, to whom it should be returned in case of misdirection or inability to find the person to whom it has been sent, are offered for sale by the postoffices all

over the land at \$21.24. Figure it out. The stamps readily represent \$20 in cash and the remaining \$1.24 is the cost of the envelopes themselves. The printing is done without charge.
 This is an inducement that has been offered by the postoffice department for a long time in a hope that the work of the national "dead letter" office would be decreased. In spite of this it is on the increase and its cost to the government is climbing higher and higher into the hundreds of thousands and the millions. It seems that only a law or ruling, making it compulsory for every sender of mail to affix their own address upon each package or letter in order that it may be returned, should it fail to find its intended destination, is about the only thing that will stop it.

While discussing the feasibility of such a law the other evening Postmaster Walter P. Edris of Spokane said:

Thousand a Week Here.

"The unclaimed letters of this Spokane office run as high as 1000 a week. These are kept for 14 days and advertised in the list posted in a conspicuous place, that they may be claimed within the specified time by the persons to whom they are directed, but the greatest percentage of them are forwarded to the 'dead letter' office at Washington, D. C.

"Perhaps if a law providing that the address of the sender of all mail should be placed upon each package or letter, it would require a few months or a year to educate the people to it, but I believe after that the need of the 'dead letter' office would no longer be known.

"It would be so arranged that, to post a letter without the sender's address would make the mail subject to being withheld from the mails for being improperly addressed. These pieces could be placed in a rack where they could be seen and reclaimed by the senders, that they might be properly addressed and remailed. Such a law would undoubtedly prove a great saving to the government."

BOND COUNTIES FOR GOOD ROADS?

STATE ASSOCIATION FOR BETTER HIGHWAYS WILL TAKE UP IMPORTANT QUESTIONS—MEETS IN ABERDEEN JANUARY 20.

Spokane, Jan. 4.—Is it better to bond the counties of Washington to build good roads or shall improvement districts be formed and the cost distributed among those owners of farms most benefited? Shall 50-year bonds be issued so that future generations may pay their proportionate share of the improvement or shall the work already begun wait for state aid funds?

"These are vital questions to the farmers and residents of the cities of eastern Washington," said J. A. Perry, secretary of the Spokane Good Roads association.

"They will be discussed at the convention of the State Good Roads association January 20 and 21 at Aberdeen. This convention promises to be one of the most important ever held in the state and comes at a time of the year when it will be convenient for farmers of all classes to attend.

"Spokane and eastern Washington are going to the convention with as large a delegation as it is possible to assemble and will present a practical working plan to get the roads. Tone of literature have been sent to the farmers on road building, the papers have devoted pages to the subject, the county and state engineers have made exhaustive surveys and much money has been spent in other ways to agitate the good roads movement.

Want Roads, Not Blue Prints.
 "However, one can not ride to market over a blue print map of the county showing where the roads should be, and the farmer is ready to admit that there is no other subject so important as the building of good roads, consequently what is wanted now is a working plan which will start the actual building of the roads in the spring.

A logical argument may be made from the fact that farmers and township supervisors do not hesitate to allow the building of bridges by contract and for the reason that they themselves are incompetent to handle the job; by the same token the contract for the building of the roads should be let to some competent firm of contractors who would build scientifically.

"The Spokane County Good Roads association is now well organized for systematic and effective work, and when we go to the convention at Aberdeen we propose to keep up the reputation of Spokane in originating practical systems for the betterment of the community and will take the initiative in many propositions which are expected to make the delegates sit up and take notice.

"Not the least of these will be the demand for more state aid money for our eastern Washington trunk line from Spokane to Walla Walla via Rosalia, Colfax and Pomeroy. The western side of the state, in our opin-

ion, is getting more than its share of the money for its trunk road from Blaine to Vancouver, and there will be some warm protests from this side of the Cascades."

The following letter from Frank Brown, secretary of the Washington Good Roads association, giving a brief outline of the purposes of the convention, was received by a large number of good roads enthusiasts in eastern Washington:

"We are anxious to have the official life of the state, which has been fair and liberal in road appropriations and sentiment, attend the good roads convention in Aberdeen January 20 and 21. With all the strength that the movement has gathered we want to emphasize at this convention the following points:

"The necessity of building trunk lines rather than lateral lines, so as to give the greatest good to the greatest number and avoid the pork barrel theory of grabbing what we can.

"We want to emphasize what bad roads have cost each county and to discuss the roads of Washington rather than the roads of Rome, France or England.

"We want to emphasize the feasibility of bonding the counties.

Will Fight Franchise.

"We want to emphasize the necessity of developing a public opinion that will prohibit franchises being granted on county or state roads.

"We want to emphasize that this movement is a movement of the man from the country as well as the man from the city.

"We want to emphasize more detailed organization in each county and the necessity of more followers in each county in order to develop a constituency that will combine with neighboring counties in order to produce through county commissioners, engineers and leading citizens the trunk road theory.

"We want you, as a leader in your community, to suggest for the benefit of the program committee some farmer of capacity and character in your 'neck of the woods' who could and would go to Aberdeen and be willing to speak if called upon."

New Problem in Murder Case.

Spokane, Jan. 4.—Counsel for Paul Clein, a former officer in an European army, known also as H. W. Wilson and Paul Krausnowski, convicted of murder in the first degree on the charge of killing Jan Soudawski near Fort Wright last February, have raised a new problem in legal jurisprudence on an application for a new trial before Judge J. Stanley Webster in the Spokane county superior court. They declare the killing took place on the government reservation and, as a consequence, the county courts have no jurisdiction. On the other hand, Clein has not confessed nor will he admit that he had any knowledge of the killing, though Soudawski's effects were in his possession when arrested. The body was found in the brush early last spring, three or four weeks after

death, and the presence of burned sticks and clothing indicated that efforts had been made to destroy it by fire.

Big Meeting of Wool Growers.
 Ogden, Utah, Jan. 4.—The advance guard of delegates has arrived in Ogden for the annual convention of the National Wool Growers' association, which is to hold its sessions here during the remainder of this week. George S. Walker, secretary of the association, estimates that the attendance will eclipse all previous records and will probably include nearly 1500 delegates. All sections of the country will be represented, but the largest delegations are expected from Ohio, Wyoming, Idaho, Montana, Nevada and Oregon. Public lands and the tariff on wool will be the chief subjects considered by the convention. The governors of several states and a number of other prominent men will be among the speakers.

Archbishop Ryan's Anniversary.

Philadelphia, Jan. 4.—Today was the twenty-fifth anniversary of the bestowal of the pallium upon Archbishop Patrick J. Ryan of this city. There was no observance of the anniversary, except the receipt of numerous congratulatory messages by the

venerable prelate. The archbishop, though he will next month enter upon his eightieth year, is in the enjoyment of excellent health and notwithstanding his advanced age he is still one of the most active members of the Roman Catholic hierarchy in America.

Hearing in Railroad Rate Cases.

Louisville, Ky., Jan. 4.—The taking of testimony in the famous rate litigation between the state of Alabama and the various lines of railroad doing business in that state was begun here today, the testimony taken being that of the officers of the Louisville and Nashville road. The litigation, which was begun nearly three years ago, revolves around the action of the Alabama legislature in fixing passenger fares at a rate of two and a half cents a mile and also reducing freight rates. The rates have been in force for some time past, long enough, so the roads declare, to show conclusively that the schedules are too low to be maintained.

Eagle Installation.

Installation of officers for 1910 of Wenatchee Aerie of Eagles, No. 204, will be held Tuesday evening, January 4, 1910. All resident and visiting brothers cordially invited to attend.

Nothing Too Good for Launder.
 Salt Lake City, Utah, Jan. 4.—When Harry Launder, the famous Scotch comedian, stops off in this city tomorrow on his way to the Pacific coast he will give a performance in the Mormon Temple. It will be the first time in the history of the famous house of the "Latter Day Saints" that its auditorium has ever been used for secular purposes. Not only has the church permitted the use of the temple but it has also given its consent for the mammoth choir to assist Launder in his entertainment.

Accused of Concealing Property.

Madison, Wis., Jan. 4.—Mrs. Philip Allen, Jr., her sister, Ada Jackson of Chicago, and her brother-in-law, Guy Roe of Winona, Minn., were arraigned in court today for a preliminary hearing on the charge of conspiracy to conceal from the government property of Philip Allen, Jr. Allen was one of the chief officials of the First National bank of Mineral Point, which failed some time ago, and for his part in the wrecking of the institution he was sentenced to ten years in prison.

Sam Smythe, the genial conductor, sprained his wrist trying to reach for a cup of Folger's Golden Gate Coffee.

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