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CHRISTIAN SOCIALISM.

It appears that many church members of this country are rapidly being influenced by socialist doctrines, and that the organization known as the Socialist Fellowship now has branches in a great many Protestant churches. The Unitarians, we believe, took the lead in this direction. They are now followed by Episcopalians, Baptists, Methodists, Presbyterians, Disciples, Lutherans, Congregationalists, Universalists and even Roman Catholics, though the leaders of the Catholic church are rather severe in their denunciations of socialism.

We understand that the members of the Socialist Fellowship will hold a conference in New York during the latter part of this month. From notices sent out we learn that the closing public meeting of the conference will be held in Carnegie Hall, and that the Right Rev. Franklin S. Spalding, D. D., P. E. Bishop of Utah, will be the honorary president of this session. Edwin Mackham, as chairman, will speak briefly and read a poem, "The Muse of Brotherhood."

This movement is purely religious. That is to say, it is an effort to apply religion to social conditions. Its slogan is: "The Golden Rule instead of the rule of gold." The Christian socialists teach that "Jesus was a Socialist. If He had lived in our day, He would have been a Messiah of this new gospel which defends the poor against the rich and opposes the domination of capitalism with an ideal of industrial justice."

It certainly is a remarkable movement. We have always maintained that neither the various theories of socialism, nor anarchism, contain any remedy for the social or moral ills of mankind, as long as they ignore the teachings of religion. When, however, social reformers adopt the principles of the gospel their work will assume a different aspect entirely. But Christianity, it must be remembered, endeavors to make society what it ought to be through the regeneration of the individual. This great principle must not be forgotten.

It is asserted that the movement is not political, but as it is through political action that its principles are to become operative, it presents a remarkable sample of the mixture of religion and politics. And the ultimate political significance of the movement is obvious. When it is remembered that the respective Protestant bodies number upon their communicant rolls seven millions of voters to which must be added three million Roman Catholic voters, a total of ten million of voters, it can be seen to what an extent the Christian Socialist propaganda can interfere with the old political parties.

There seems to be at present a twofold tendency away from the conservative democracy embodied in the American form of government. One is toward a more restricted conservatism and the other toward radicalism. Both have detected failings in popular government and both propose a remedy. Ambassador Bryce recently maintained that the reaction was very much visible in Europe. The "Intellectuals," he said, are conservative and disposed to check democracy rather than to broaden or deepen its channels. This is probably true, but some propose to remedy the defects of popular government by making it still more popular. Rev. R. J. Campbell, of the City Temple, London, has proclaimed himself a socialist and in America the facts already brought out concerning the New York ministerial socialist society tell their story.

SUCH AN EXCUSE.

"It was known all along that the million dollars in bonds voted in 1905 would not be enough to complete the needed water supply and sewer system."

That is, of course, from the Tribune and is intended as an excuse for the request for a bond issue. But it is we are sorry to say, a falsehood.

When the bond issue referred to was voted, it was perfectly well understood that \$550,000 would cover all the expenses for the increase of the water supply. It was also understood that the taxes were not to be made heavier on account of the loan, but that the interest on the new bonds would be paid almost entirely out of the increased revenues. In fact, the ordinance providing for the special bond election also provided that:

"The net revenues from said water system shall be set apart for and shall be a sinking fund for the payment of said bonds and INTEREST thereon."

This pledge the so-called American party officials broke with the greatest unconcern by increasing the expenditures beyond all reason and creating a deficiency which in all probability is illegal, and by adding 3 1/2 mills to the tax rate, to meet it, was said, an expense that had already been provided for by ordinance.

As for the sewer extension it was known that the remaining \$150,000 would not cover the total expenses. The contract was let for \$185,000, but the \$15,000 premium received on the bonds was turned over to the sewer extension fund. That left \$170,000 to be raised by taxation, and there was no need of a bond issue on that account. These facts the Tribune may have forgotten, but the taxpayers have not. It is safe to say that that bond issue was voted on the showing made that it would be sufficient for all purposes. If that

showing had not been made, it would have been turned down. As it was it had a very small majority.

The party organ that clamored for the dismissal from the City's employ of every honest, capable man who refused to dance to its music, is feeling very bad that the "opposition press" does not rise above "partisan" considerations in this matter. But as far as we are concerned, there is no partisanship involved. What the Tribune wants is a strictly non-partisan contribution to funds that can be used for "American" party purposes. And it cannot understand why the "opposition" press does not fall in line with that exclusive little "non-partisan" scheme.

At the time the former bond issue first was asked for the press, with the exception of the Tribune, was unanimous for it. That paper fell in line only when it became evident that its own tools would be in a position to spend the money to suit themselves. But with that exception the bond issue then was sustained by the press. The increase of the water supply was considered an absolute necessity for the development of the City. It was hoped the money would be used for the purposes the issue was asked for. And so the press favored it. But things are entirely different now.

Now we have an administration that takes its orders from a cryptic junta the members of which have proved themselves utterly destitute of all regard for the welfare of the public. Under the regime of this junta the well considered plans for the expenditure of the money borrowed were torn to shreds, because those plans, based on principles of economy, left few opportunities for graft. Other plans were substituted calling for the most extravagant prodigality. By this means a deficiency was created for which there was no authority. Money is now asked for under various false-hoods and pretenses. But the sum and substance of it all is that it is needed to cover up the reckless financing of the past. It is needed, and will be used, for campaign purposes, in such indirect ways as the craftiness of political tricksters can suggest. Why should the citizens vote money for the benefit of grafters?

We desire to see our City grow and develop to the dimensions its position in the Mountains and other natural advantages entitle it to. But, as long as it is in the grip of a gang of conspirators who, in the first place, are doing in all their power to keep up an insane strife among citizens who ought to pull together; and, in the second place, have no higher ideal than the promotion of their own interests, regardless of the public, the City will never develop as it ought to do. To furnish that gang with money is to commit civic suicide.

The City is now so deeply in debt that well informed strangers must hesitate locating here, although they admit that we have a beautiful city with great possibilities. If the policy of graft is to be continued—and that is what another bond issue at this time means—we may just as well give up all hope of speedy and healthy growth for Salt Lake City. Let us redeem the City from the clutches of the corrupt politicians that have fastened themselves on it, as the monster on the neck of the marooned sailor. Then the financial question can be taken up.

Beware of the wheys of the milkman.

The carriage men have gone on strike. Have they got "wheels?"

Thomas Higen has joined Hearst's Independence party. This is Higen.

If a restaurateur dies of indigestion, what must be the fate of his patrons?

Congress is in need of a get-together club on the currency question.

Predatory ignorance is quite as much to be deprecated as predatory wealth.

No reduction in the price of diamonds and meat, two of the great necessities of life.

Thaw does not shout "Give me liberty or give me death." He just says "Give me liberty."

Admiral Evans has taken many mud baths but never an immunity bath. And he never will.

Since the visit of the fleet the Californians are seriously thinking of calling them naval oranges.

A man who died in this city ten years ago has just been declared legally dead. Now there is no doubt about it.

Israel Zangwill says that "the promised land" is not yet obtainable. It may have been withdrawn for forest reserve purposes.

All the finance measures that reach the House committee on currency and banking have their regular turn, and it is a turn-down.

The only reason there is no such word as fall in the bright lexicon of youth, is because the lexicon is small and much abridged.

If Harry Thaw hasn't jumped out of the frying pan into the fire he has at least got out of Matthew asylum into Dutchess county jail.

A "scientist" claims to be able to turn cadavers into gold. That's nothing. By simply touching his little girl Midas turned her into gold.

Not only would Prince de Sagan leave his happy home for Madam Gould, but he also proposes to leave his church for her. Such is the power of love or love of money.

Rev. Edward E. Carr, editor of the Christian Socialist, claims he has discovered the missing link. He says, "We are it." Then the missing link may aptly be described as a Carr couplet.

The presence of the cadets in San Francisco when the great fleet comes in will do more in the way of legitimate and healthy advertisement for Salt Lake City than a dozen real estate booms.

King Manuel evidently believes that

a whole people cannot be indicted for there is to be no prosecution of those implicated in, or suspected of implication in the plot to assassinate King Carlos and his son, they are so numerous and so prominent.

It is noted as an evidence of the return of confidence the \$40,000,000 bond turn of confidence that the \$40,000,000 bond issue of the Pennsylvania railroad was over-subscribed twenty times in this country in advance of the opening of the books. Equal eagerness was shown by investors in this country and in England and continental Europe. A ready subscription for \$800,000,000 of securities is striking evidence of the return of the tide of business confidence which was at its low ebb six months ago.

On Sunday, May 10, the New York World will issue its Twenty-fifth Anniversary number, which, we have no doubt, will be the greatest and most attractive number of that great newspaper ever issued. It will contain, we are informed, in the neighborhood of two hundred full size newspaper pages. It will cost nearly \$100,000 to print and distribute the issue. Each copy will cost about ten cents to produce. There will be separate color sections devoted to automobile, music, real estate, national affairs and to New York. Besides all of this, there will be the usual first class newspaper magazine specialties, and the price remains the same.

According to the Medical Record, Eugene Coleman Savage of New York states that investigations as to the cause of cancer based on bacteriological transmission have yielded no result and nothing can be expected from antiseptic or antitoxin treatment. Proof of the wandering cell theory would not aid us in treatment. Surgery has been followed in many cases by prompt recurrence and death. We must therefore gain some new theory of its causation and methods of treatment. Radial force acting on the carbon atom can change its isomeric qualities. That one force can so act presupposes other similar forces. The natural ferment of the body digest one series of isomers and leave another untouched. The action of the occult radial force can change protoplasm from digestibility to indigestibility to the natural ferments. The local cancer problem consists of changed isomers allowed to grow instead of being digested. The ferments begin to act long before transition from the preliminary to the final stage of cancer. Secretion suppression would explain the growth of cancer weed cells that effective ferments would have destroyed. If there be no flaw in this reasoning the cure and prevention of cancer lie in the realm of synthetic medicine.

DIPLOMACY THROUGH STOMACH

New York World.
Representative Harrison of New York, who himself knows what it is like to put on a swallow-tail coat, paid a perfunctory tribute to the house debate on the diplomatic bill to "shirt-sleeve diplomacy" in contrast with the "diletic diplomacy" of rich men. The triumph of shirt-sleeve diplomacy may be counted on the fingers of one hand of an armless wonder. As for dining, drinking and playing when did they ever fail to play a part in diplomacy? Feeding a diplomat is as wise as feeding the country buyer of a wholesale house. It makes him good-natured. There was a valiant trencher work at Tisch. Arthur Paget took twenty carriage horses to Berlin and impoverished his estate. John Randolph of Roanoke ran into debt to entertain an American minister to Russia. Gortchakoff was a glutton; Bismarck was a tremendous feeder, who once ate 150 German oysters at a sitting. Franklin is a social lion in Paris salons and spent more money than he could afford. Did not Lord Rosebery say to Ward McAllister: "The canvassback ought to be your national bird, not the eagle?" Do not our congressmen in Washington manage to dine fairly well at times?

HOW TO FISH.

Forest and Stream.
Probably the most important lesson we learn in troutling is to keep out of sight. We cannot cast fly without motion and even a shadow will alarm a trout. We soon learn how important it is to have the sun shining in our faces and not uncomfortably warning our backs. If obliged to fish in sight of the trout a good background is a help. Keep the rod low down with the side or underhand cast. With the rays of the sun striking the water obliquely at certain hours in the morning and afternoon, we can, if facing it, stand within easy casting distance of a school of trout and present our flies without alarming them. The trout may be lying in shallow water, but we cannot see them nor can they see us. Under other conditions, or with the sun in our rear, they would take flight before we arrived within range.

EDITORIAL OOZE OF SPRING.

Atlanta (Ga.) Constitution.
Spring's fragrant heralds peeped with maiden shrinking from the tiny hearts of the first violets, and brutal science, unbelieved, tossed these delicate harbingers, pinning its cyclic faith to cold and pulseless instruments. Jongsuils swung their golden bells in mild and timid breezes, ringing a lingering, fairy dirge for the passing winter, and science, yet skeptical, went on its straight mathematical way, scoring these kindly premonitions that come so strangely from the seasons, in books of mother earth. The farmer, crushing beneath his heel the new turned clod that seemed to hold the virile essence of returning life itself, thought straightaway of that ancient legend, oddly handed down, that bids men look for spring when with the April moon comes chill and damp and drizzle and vaulting winds, and science, in the person of the signal service man, asservated with many a wise precedent and modern instance, that she had disproved the world old fable. These symptoms of spring and Easter said the same with the classical but untempting features, were likely to occur at any other period and were entitled to no more credence than the tale of a man told in his sleep.

JUST FOR FUN.

What Was Within.
"What's in here?" asked the tourist. "Remains to be seen," responded the guide, as he led the way into the morgue.—Columbia Jester.
"Young Jenks is a somnambulist." "I thought his aunt told me he was a Swedensborgian."—Baltimore American.
"My stenographer can write one hundred words a minute," "So can mine, but she doesn't seem to care what words she writes."—Cleveland Leader.
He—"Do you think it would be foolish of me to marry a girl who was my inferior intellectually?" She—"More

than foolish—impossible."—Philadelphia Inquirer.

Mr. Subbubs—"I have just received the plans of our house from the architect. He says it can be built for \$5,000." Mrs. Subbubs—"Glorious! And we only have \$15,000 to build it with."—Philadelphia Record.

"Two just been to see the Garlicks," said Mrs. Lapelling, laying aside her wraps. "They're all well except Mr. Garlick. He's got an awful bad knee. As near as I can make out from what the doctor says the poor man is threatened with dislocation of the bone."—Chicago Tribune.

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