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EVIDENTLY Governor Goodrich is doing all he can to help Mr. McCay's administration.

LAKE COUNTY appears to have expressed its desire for a tax commissioner a few hours too late.

THE CITY ADMINISTRATION needs 14,000 feet of hose of various sizes. One can see almost that much on Washington street most any day.

BOTH our contemporaries insist on terming Denny Bush a Democratic political worker, but no one connected with the party will agree with them.

AN EARLIER GATHERING of chieftains at French Lick failed to do the Democratic party much good. Will the conference now do any better?

HOW TIMES do change! Governor Goodrich, who modestly asked a million dollar contingent fund for his own administration has decided not to recommend any for his successor.

## Bread Prices

An Indianapolis grocer, whose purchasing power and volume of business is sufficient to justify considerable research into the high costs of foodstuffs, asks:

"Why isn't the price of bread reduced?"

In the same breath he points out that wheat has reached the lowest price level of the last four years, that sugar costs only one-third as much as it did six months ago, and that flour is today \$5 a barrel less than it was six months ago.

This combination, the grocer believes, should result in a reduced price of bread to the consumer.

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## Futile Revolution

Recent press dispatches show an adhesion to the Moscow Internationale by the Independent Socialist conference in Germany. This makes about as much ripple on the surface as was caused by the Communist party's radical steps in Chicago last year but since the action was taken because the Moscow Internationale "is the best existing organization to carry out the proletarian program of world revolution" it is worthy of notice.

It means, in spite of our seeming security and snugness, that as far west as Germany exists people who even now approve the devastation, rapine and murder to which Russia has been subjected and desire to carry it on in other lands, in the name of "World Revolution."

Whether it be German Kaiser or some unknown person, murder is murder, theft is theft, either by the state or by the individual. It is almost a waste of paper to reiterate truths which have formed our national life and have been a part of our being; nevertheless, we can never escape from the old maxims, one of which is that whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he reap.

There is just one bit of sympathy or palliation for the misguided advocate of a world revolution. His unfortunate situation in life may have been so acute that his vision is stunted. He has suffered hunger and poverty. This does not excuse—honesty should be observed; he is not licensed to be murderer thereby, but one who has endured the continued pains of want and squalor and has seen his family so suffer, cannot have proper retrospection and calm view, nor indeed possesses the facilities to acquire them.

A Red revolution would simply mean to take from him who has and to give that which is taken to him who has not. Soon would there be another set of property holders and soon another proletariat, all the worse off because of the unnatural selection and unwarranted conditions and the waste.

Behind this rests the false conception of life and things real. The other man's wealth is not an end to be achieved in life. Property is, after all, only a symbol of man's activity along material lines, while money and station exist only as a servant, as a means to do good. If it is not recognized as above stated, then a revolution in thought is bound to bring it about and cause the condition to right itself.

That revolution will not be bloody but it will begin in the thoughts of people. It will distinguish between the object to be accomplished and the instrument by which it is done. The tools for work will not take the place of the work nor will they be regarded as primary, when they are so manifestly secondary.

In many regards we have evolved or revolved into the knowledge of the real in life, into a consciousness of the verities upon whom we depend. The Government exists for the people, not the people for the Government; public utilities are servants, not masters; our schools exist in fact for the pupil, whereas in olden times the pupil existed for the school; the minority's rights must be respected by the governing majority. Examples could be multiplied indefinitely.

It must not be lost to sight that wealth exists for man; that property is a means, not master. Those who seek to change hands, or carry on a revolution for the sake of the proletariat, and confiscate property, are losing sight of the importance of the change of thought and get the shadow rather than the substance. The wealth is soon dissipated, material soon wears out and money takes flight. On the other hand, even in Europe, liberty, equality and fraternity alone have withstood time's trials, while in America life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness is written in all our laws.

How much life, liberty, equality, fraternity and pursuit of happiness has the Red revolution shown to the world? How much can it bring to Germany? What can it teach America?

The only answer is nothing.

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## Wanted—An Opposition Party

At a time when business and industry are organized with military precision, it is useless to expect political parties in a nation of more than 190,000,000 to operate without system and discipline.

The legitimate expenses of a presidential campaign are large and of course they are increasing. In the days before civil service reform Federal officeholders were dependent upon to do most of the work for the party in power. Under Republican management they became so efficient as manipulators of the vote that Governor Tilden expressed the opinion in 1876 that the opposition attempting to change the administration needed to include at least two-thirds of the voters at the opening of the canvass in order to retain a majority at the election.

Since then Republicans with plenty of money at their disposal have given to political management some of the characteristics of big business. Aside from the officeholders, the party used to depend largely upon volunteers. Now it has a great pay roll of professionals, and the chairman of its national committee is on a salary. Speakers and other agents who once expected no compensation are hired in many cases and we shall presently have national and state committeemen drawing regular stipends.

The effect of all this on the people, and especially upon Democrats, has been demoralizing. Party service, long regarded as a patriotic duty at least by those who were not seeking office, has become in the practical politics of the day a source of revenue. Where everything must be paid for in money or in place the old theory of self-government involving some self-sacrifice has naturally fared poorly. If our political contests are to be left altogether to mercenaries we need not marvel at our failures and disappointments.

In last Tuesday's elections the Republican party found itself in most of the States without effective opposition. Great commonwealths chose executive and legislative representatives local and national almost exclusively of one political faith. So far as the larger part of our population is concerned it will have hardly a voice for two years to come except those that speak for the majority. Such a comprehensive extinction of the minority is not desirable in the interest of the Republican party itself, which certainly ought to be watched. It is especially to be regretted in the interest of the country at large.

The collapse of the Democratic party this year was due in part to its deplorable lack of organization. It had comparatively little money, but if it had been organized as it might have been financial consideration would not have mattered. To overcome this difficulty extraordinary efforts are necessary. If the work were to begin at once it would not be complete at the next biennial balloting. Besides the enrollment of hundreds of thousands of men long neglectful of political duty because they live in Republican districts there are millions of women, naturally Democratic, to be interested and instructed.

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