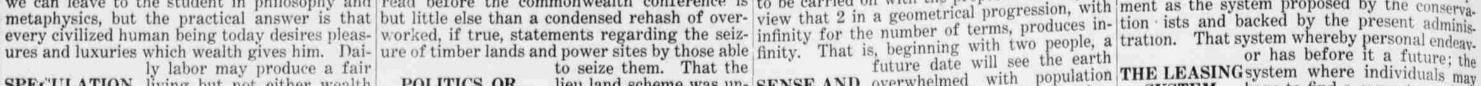
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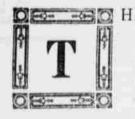
derate living from labor or secure a better living through manipulation of the advantages civilization has given us by creating a medium of exchange?



SPECULATION living but not either wealth

many things desired by men for their use as exchange of worthless lands for fine timber present tax laws permit those who own money transition from poverty to affluence allures the in the sea and on the land are world.

in helping, with his small or large surplus, in turned into power or food or both. prospecting for gold, silver, copper, lead, potdevelopment of an oil field; helps the promotion maxim "the surplus makes the price for any he will have posterity to twenty or an indefinite the government. of manufacturing enterprises or enters into any commodity" into one where the commercial mo- number of generations;" these doctrinaires descheme beneficial to the community at large, is nopolist fixes the price which the people must nand government based on fatuous dreams. doing the best that can be done for himself and pay for timber. In no locality where the govfor his community.



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California R. R. in 1864. property of the railroad. It de-

\$2.50 per acre with not more than 160 acres to and their benefit? the settler. It decrees that congress may take , the land back by paying

THE DECISION AND the road \$2.50 per acre.

please with the land should they elect to take it be applied even to water power. back. It gives the road and Congress six months

sincerity of Oswald West in his attack on timber and power monopolists and support of the governmental conservation policy in order to combat a number Order ======O

POLITICS OR and bold in its deliberate

comforts or pleasures. How shall they obtain lands no one has the temerity to deny; but this and other personal values to avoid payment of venturesome prospector from comfort to privathem? Certainly not by individual effort. It entire scheme was worked through and by gov- their just proportion of society's demands and tion and war with nature, is the system which is thus that they are invited to put their surplus ernment and government officials, through and therefore proposes to throw away the little they will, eventually make strong and self reliant citiearnings into the hands of others, who, through this concentration of the product of labor insti-tute the search for, and production of the hid. tute the search for, and production of, the hid- in practical use. Denuded forest lands, if not re- its productive power into activity or its rever- ered by a hardy prospector and refusing him and den treasures scattered lavishly throughout the forested are a loss, if replanted and cared for, sion to the state, with the latter practically cer- and others, deserved beneficial results discourtheir growth is slow and requires far different tain.

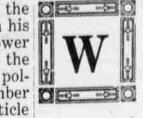
is speculation in its legitimate form. It is no far above the clouds, made to turn the many tur- bers than do civilized man; forgetting that the 2 poor man, and therefore he is to be shut out from more gambling than that entered into by every bines in its descent, or spread over the desert with which the Malthusian starts are in fact the obtaining the comparitively small benefits gainman who starts a business, the majority of plains for the benefit of mankind it is returned production of an infinite number of ancestors ed through sale to a corporation, or through prowhom fail. He who takes a reasonable chance to hills through the power of nature to be again as is so well shown by Judge Blackstone, who motion through their own efforts, and the prop-

HE supreme court has passed the by the big outside holder. We have no desire true, but nature itself will care for its productiv- ward through successful search in the wild hills "buck" to congress in their decis- to find fault with a management that makes all ity with intelligent management. European and tundra of that country of unlimited possiion of the suit for forfeiture of the money it can, but we question the sincerity lands cultivated for a thousand or more years bilities. the lands granted to the Oregon of a conservation policy which raises the price are more productive today than ever.

The to the consumer. If the manufacturer is to court decrees the land to be the make such a price as he chooses and is to be fol- selves to the solution of our economical difficult- aska, but what better will be the result if private crees that the railroad must sell the land under benevolent theory of the conservationist which that never comes to deal with theory. Today is ment for searching the hills and prospecting the the terms of the grant, i. e. to actual settlers at claims to be holding the timber for the people here and ours, tomorrow never comes.

If it is contended that it is better to have timber preserved and denuded lands reforested than to have it all destroyed, and that the price POSSIBLE RESULTS It decrees that congress is only an incident, even though the common peo-

> will control the price of that owned by the gov-ernment. Overhead charges on construction Watch papa conservationist get in his deadly and installation can be increased at will, and the work. same management would permit the government to make the same price that is made by the outsider. Where can the people gain by govern-ment control? In fact, if the government were party to the manipulation of both power and timber lands by the monopolists they could devise no scheme which would better please the private owners than that now in operation. Small owners cannot obtain timber and practically force the timber baron to buy it at a fair keep. market price, but the government comes in and takes it from the market and furthermore scatters fire fighters throughout the country to protect the aforesaid timber monopolist.



that the "hair of a dog is good for his bite" that the Malthusians and Single Taxers are warring with ponderous words in Portland just now. The Mal- 02- --- 0 thusians wish the government

metaphysics, but the practical answer is that but little else than a condensed rehash of over-

lieu land scheme was un- SENSE AND overwhelmed with population THE LEASING system where individuals may or luxury. Hidden by nature PHILANTHROPY? righteous in its inception NONSENSE doomed to death and destruction. The Single Taxer finds that our

Success brings wealth and luxury, failure management than does power. Water power is brings some small loss and disappointment. This perpetual. Flowing to the sea through canyons is speculation in its logitimete form. It is perpetual. said: " * * * * it is much more certain that ev- erty held back for leasing to those who have the In the management of forests and forest ery man had ancestors than that he will have means to go forward with development and moash or any other useful mineral; assists in the timber, the government has reversed the old posterity, and it is still more doubtful whether nopolize the market through and by the aid of

ernment deals in timber has that timber stump-age been sold at less than the market rate made by cultivated and improperly cared for may be the private individual may unhampered find re-

lowed by the government what becomes of the ies through practical endeavor leaving the day efforts may not be rewarded? What induce-

years,'

HICH is best for us: to earn a mo- OF ----O T is not necessary to question the OF -----O E presume that it is on the theory OF ------O ECRETARY Lane strongly fay. ors the leasing system, follow. ing the tendency of the democratic party to more and more favor the socialistic trend of thought for political purposes. No scheme yet proposed can so

we can leave to the student in philosophy and read before the commonwealth conference is to be carried on with the proposition always in successfully prevent exploitation and develop-

SYSTEM hope to find a competence from

hidden treasures, where rapid

Seizing upon lands which have been discov. ages development and harms the entire commu-

Governmental red tape and obstruction has held the entire northwest in its grip for years The theory that land "wears out" is com- and has all but throttled Alaska. The construct-

Secretary Lane deprecates this red tape and Sense points out that we should confine our- governmental control from a distance as to Alcanyons, drilling for oil, or searching for potash, "TOMORROW! Why tomorrow I may be if their hard earned success in finding is to be Myself, with Yesterday's sev'n thousand taken from them by a system of mismanagement and withdrawal?

There is no such thing as a law of "dimin-There's a decision for you. The supreme may then do as they ple pay it, we are interested to see how this can court says that the Oregon California grant is ishing soil returns." The law is: Intelligent manto be sold for \$2.50 per acre. Everybody howls agement will increase soil returns to a degree On the same theory of leasing and govern- with delight, until their attention is called to far beyond the comprehension of humanity tomental control and conservation, the monopolist the fact that the United States can buy it at that day. Unity vegetarians object to destruction of animal life of any kind on the grounds of justice. "God made them and they should live their Once out of touch and the newspapers will lives." Note that sweet little rattler basking show a man from Missouri (or Nebraska) what in the sun just where the babies play, shake the scorpion gently out of your sock and place the tarantula carefully in his nest! Now that the Russians are out of Lemberg

to make an agreement.

The intervenors are still on the fence. Some six thousand of them are endeavoring to pose as actual settlers. Probably 1 in 10 might become actual settlers under ordinary construction of that term, but far the greater majority are mere speculators on a small scale and it remains to be seen what Congress will do.

As to what is best for Oregon: it is beyond question that the state would be far ahead should the road be compelled to sell to settlers who will actually work the ground which is susceptible to cultivation and let small investors, semi settlers such as are the majority of the intervenors, have the timber land. Should the timber land eventually drift into the hand of already large holders it will be only after they have paid a substantial price for it; which funds will be in the state, swelling the bank accounts of numerous depositors, while every acre will be subject to taxation by and for the state.

No man can tell what Congress will do. They are controlled by the southern delegation which is impractical and whose justice is measured by what they can get out of the pork barrel for their own section. Whether there will be sufficient politics in the matter to bring the powerful fighters of the eastern states to our relief re- hands of the large land owner may be and doubtmains to be seen. The Oregon delegation in the less is true. If, however, the original taker re- to do it; or himself. house is antagonistic to the present administra- alized some \$1500 or more for the claim, thereby tion, consequently with little influence, while the obtaining a start in the world, is it not just as senatorial contingent are known as administration supporters under any circumstances which prevents Oregon from getting proper considera- factured product for just the same price is asktion. The coming term may show some change ed for that which has cost far less and that price and the Secretary of the Interior is more favor- is backed up by the government. If the govern- put out at Portland. The Oregon Voter said: able to the actual settler than any we have had ment does not permit the taking of land by the for many years.

TWO WAILS

Some say that there is no rhyme for "Jit- might have paid the locator. ney." Others, principally street railway men, reason for it.-Kansas City Journal.

Now the "poet" germ has bit me;

And in comfort down I sit me; Happy that this thought has hit me;

You with grammar must not twit me;

As I show the rhymes with jitney. Of malice you'll acquit me:

But adjudge it hard to stick me: Though true you may like to kick me; You'll admit some rhymes with jitney.

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What! For "jitney" there's no reason? What! Though in and out of season, Occupants their clothes get grease on? And each strap carries disease on? Wooden seats you boil or freeze on? While the city's wealth they seize on? While the cars the people squeeze on?

For the "jitney" there seems reason'

It is difficult to see the difference to the consumer of power whether he pays five dollars per H. P. to a private concern or to the govern-

ment. If the government reduces their price their management will be condemned by our eastern statesmen and they will be strongly censured for selling a product for less than a price which will enable the monopolist to pay huge ov- kers. erhead charges and a reasonable profit beside.

That timber lands eventually drift into the well for the consumer? The payment of this to getting rid of U'Ren, single tax and free amount has not increased the price of the manu- trade. locator, but locking it up and maintaining the price for the big holder, it appears that the public is loser by just the amount the big holder

The argument that many roads hold unsurgo farther and say their is neither rhyme nor veyed lands not subject to taxation is a poor ar-we will show him. gument for the government to take them over and perpetually withold them from taxation in reserves. Sometime the railroad will be compelled to bring them into public use.

If we are to have a paternalistic government let us at least understand it and go into it with our eyes open. Single tax and public ownership are twin brothers in the conservation fam- say that the land wears out when every particle ily.

And finally: it is axiomatic that whatever the price charged by the government for timber or power, the people will lose, as the cost will exceed the income.

Villa wants to stand in with Wilson and pacify Mexico. Villa has done his share to- campaign in Idaho if he should take hold. wards pacifying the country if he can get a little help he will pacify the rest of it. The A. B. C. Commuter will preach the funeral sermon.

the American people think of him.

all parties are just where they started from, except that Germany has Belgium, which she will

That prophesy about the man "Napoleon' coming from the north seems late in being fulfilled. Looks now like a lot of Napoleons going that the 1916 campaign is on hand. towards the north.

Single taxers are meeting in Portland to- 1916 approaches. night to discuss whether it was Malthus or Methusalah who was afraid the population would overcome land production. Never mind boys. Malheur county to the front! Methusalah, Malthus and single tax have whis-

politics if he has to elect another Chamberlain fact that the irrigation project will result in

That little job of Hercules was a mere trifle

That was a dandy statement that Lockwood hat over. 'careful examination of competent critics found nothing which could be subject to controversy." as the whole of Malheur county. Its many a

Secretary Lane says: "there is no way for anyone to take potash or phosphate land." If

Grain made up of so much carbon, so much nydrogen, oxygen, phosphorus, lime, magnesia and other elements: Animals made up of prac- Bryan has talked for 25 years and is still talktically the same elements: every element in ei- ing! ther taken from the air, water or land, and then

and water.

Borah for president would sound good to league looks somewhat practical. the west and to the country, if New York can be made to see it.

M. B. Gwinn would make some whirlwind

No one makes a whirlwind campaign in Oregon. That's why U'Ren gets by with his.

Quoting the Bible in support of a vegetarian diet as of, or from, God, we see no reference to Leviticus. We wonder why not?

Tremendous beating of tom-toms indicate

That tariff reduction on sugar recedes as

Railroads, potash and water ought to bring

Swamp lands sold by Oregon under agreenent to reclaim are now used to prevent con-Oswald West proposes to reform Oregon struction of irrigation projects, setting up the taking the water off from the swamp lands. That cwner wants both horns of the dilemma.

> It might be safer to stay at home when there is a riot in town, but will that fact excuse the rioter if he kills someone? Pro-Germans think

> That fight in Galicia covered as much ground mile to Moscow as well as a long road to Tipperary.

> grab while the grabbing is good. Papa conservation will come along soon.

Why not nations talk it over for a year?

of every element must return to the air, land page. Hurrah for peace-down with Mars. Bryan has got Teddy backed off the first

Taft has put one over on Bryan. His peace

Suppose nations form a league to absolutely boycott a nation refusing to abide by the decision of the league? That would be deadly as long as trade rules the world.

Rex Lampman and Dean Collins have given up prose and gone mad over Pavlowa's toes