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WOMAN SENATOR FROM COLO.

One of the political possibilities of the near future is the election of a woman as United States senator from Colorado.

Women have long enjoyed suffrage in Colorado and members of their sex have held many public offices.

Mrs. Decker is now put forward as a candidate for United States Senator. Her friends have started an educational campaign with this end in view.

FARMING IN CANAL ZONE.

The department of agriculture has been making an investigation concerning agricultural possibilities in the Panama canal zone, and advanced information shows that along the Panama canal lies a splendid field for the scientific farmer.

In the canal zone operations are limited to the meager efforts of the native and West Indian population.

Against such competition an American farmer would be certain to find a good market in truck-farming. Of course he would face competition from the farmers of the South.

REDUCING REPRESENTATION.

Although the subject of reducing the representation of the Southern states in the national convention was discussed by the Republican National Committee at its meeting in Washington, the convention alone can take action in the matter.

The membership of the Chicago convention on June 18 next will be 1,064, of which the South will have over 250.

Chicago is complaining of the high cost of living. What else could be expected when the agricultural activities are being abandoned for city life?

TURN OVER A NEW LEAF

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OUR POSTMASTER GENERAL.

By his achievements Postmaster General Frank H. Hitchcock has shown himself to be one of the best equipped officials ever at the head of that important department.

The selection of Mr. Hitchcock led to much criticism from Democratic sources because of the fact that he was at the time chairman of the Republican national committee.

A crowning glory of the Hitchcock administration has been the establishment of the postal savings bank, which now has deposits aggregating \$11,000,000.

Mr. Hitchcock, in his report, renews his recommendation in favor of the establishment of the parcels post, from which there has been such universal demand throughout the country.

Revision of the postal rates, with a view to reducing present cost to Uncle Sam's patrons is also urged by Mr. Hitchcock.

All in all, the report of the postmaster general is a splendid record of noteworthy accomplishments, a tribute to his genius as an executive and abundant justification of the wisdom that inspired his appointment.

RED MEN ON INCREASE.

Contrary to general supposition the Indian race of the United States is not diminishing in numbers, but increasing, according to census figures.

In 1910 the Indian population of this country was 365,000, compared with 443,600 in 1890, and 270,000 in 1870.

The Indian may yet become a factor in the civilization which has dominated the land of his ancestors.

A CITY ABSORBING A STATE

The population of the State of Illinois is being rapidly absorbed by the City of Chicago. The rapid growth of the Windy City is making telling inroads on the rural section.

In ten years that ended in 1910 fifty counties lost 55,944 in population. Only 134,680 live in the rural regions or towns not incorporated.

The President intimated in a speech the other day that he thinks his function in government is just as sacred as that of the Senate.

COW EXPERT GIVES ADVICE ON MILKING

ORVALLIS, Dec. 30.—Inquiries as to the proper method of milking a fresh cow have led E. R. Stockwell of the dairy department of the Oregon Agricultural College to make the following statement regarding the care of the cow after calving.

"Milking is generally considered such a simple operation that any common laborer is supposed to be able to milk," says Mr. Stockwell.

"The future of many a promising dairy cow has been ruined by improper milking soon after calving. The dairy cow has been abnormally developed to produce large quantities of milk."

"The art, or science, whichever we may call it, of milking can only be attained by those who are willing to make a study of each individual cow, of her disposition, dairy temperament and physical condition."

"The most important things to keep in mind are: First, do not feed succulent feeds previous to parturition or for a few days afterward."

AUTO TRIP TO CAPITAL OF MEXICO PLANNED

Warmed by the Japan current and the temperate trade winds of the Pacific, the far West knows no automobile "season" such as Easterners prepare for dismantling their machines.

UNANIMOUS FOR TAX.

Estacada Votes Special Levy of Ten Mills For Roads. ESTACADA, Or., Jan. 3.—At the road meeting in Road District No. 49 last Saturday there were nineteen tax-payers present and there were nine votes for a ten mill road tax.

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PEACE BANQUET IS BIG SUCCESS

TAFT REPLIES TO CRITICS AND MAKES FINE SPEECH ON POLICY.

ECHOES OF DISSENSION SOON DIE President Well Guarded As He Makes Way To Hall—Charge Of Inconsistency Is Denied.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—Preceded by dissensions which seemed for a time to threaten a climax anything but pacific, the peace banquet tonight proved in realization everything that its name implied in its attendant conditions.

President Taft, the guest of honor and speaker of the evening, while arguing for the pending arbitration treaties between the United States and Great Britain and France, went further tonight than heretofore and repelled specifically to critics claims embodied in these treaties.

"Those of us who are in favor of these treaties have been criticised as inconsistent because we did not in our arbitration in the recent difference between Russia," said Mr. Taft.

"The truth is that the treaty itself contains contractual obligations on the part of the United States to recognize the doctrine of non-expropriation and to say that the naturalized Russian citizens in the United States should not lose their allegiance to Russia and could be punished for becoming naturalized citizens."

GRANGE WORKING FOR ROAD MEASURE

large, no bonds will be voted to carry the work on.

"Of the checks which the State Engineer may have over county road work to insure efficiency, we believe the grange measures are ample. First, before the contract is signed between the county and the builder of the road, said contract must be approved by the State Engineer."

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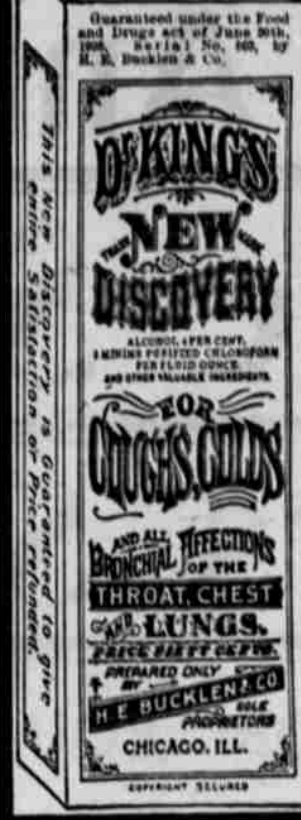
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SINGLE TAX THEORY DISCUSSED BY GILL

ESTACADA, Dec. 30.—(To the Editor of the Enterprise.)—I have read with considerable interest the article of Messrs. Dimick, Hackett and U'ren on the single tax. Permit me a few words upon this interesting subject.

I have been studying the tax question for some time. After giving the subject careful consideration I do not favor the so-called single tax. Neither do I favor the present system, as it stands in our statutes.

The single tax people propose to tax six kinds of things, land at its unimproved value, water powers, natural deposits, natural growth, other natural resources, franchises and rights of way.

Let us see how the single tax will work out. One of my neighbors here has 22 acres of improved land assessed at \$40 and 44 acres unimproved assessed \$10.

Let us take a comparative example. I own 160 acres in Road District No. 49, assessed at \$500. There are no improvements. My rate was 20 mills and I paid \$200.00 in tax.

Suppose John Doe owns 160 acres in the same school district and road district. He has 80 acres of improved land assessed at \$15 an acre and 80 acres of unimproved at \$5.

The single tax advocates say they wish to lay a heavier portion of the tax burden on the speculative land holdings. They seem to assume that all speculative holdings are unimproved. But such is not the case.

I desire to say now what changes I would make in the present tax system. First I would exempt from taxation all dwelling houses and barns which are occupied, also all such structures as are built to adorn or beautify without profit to the owner.

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My neighbor was assessed \$1,320 on his land and \$110 on his buildings, one of which is a pump drier. He will be assessed \$110 on the drier, but is exempt on the dwelling now assessed at \$20. This gives a total of \$1,430, which is to be reduced one-third, or \$533.33. At 20 mills his tax is \$138.67, nearly five dollars less than under single tax. In the case of John Doe he would be exempt \$500 on his house and \$300 on his barn which leaves his assessment \$2,500. This reduced one-third is \$1,733.33. At 26 mills his tax is \$45.97.

Lying just south of my land is 640 acres belonging to the Southern Pacific. I presume it is assessed at \$5 an acre. If not it should be. This is an assessment of \$3,200 with a tax last year of \$83.20. Under single tax it would pay \$145.68, under the system I propose the tax would be \$138.67, but if the same builders who resided on it, the tax would be \$61.46.

Let us see how this scheme of assessment would affect the improved speculative holding I spoke of. I do not know present assessment. Let us assume that 30 acres are improved

and 10 acres unimproved, improved at \$40 and unimproved at \$10; improvements at \$200. A total assessment of \$1,500. It now pays \$30. But being a speculative holding it would pay \$50 under the classified plan and only \$14.01 under single tax. Would the single tax discourage this kind of speculative holdings?

It is true that the citizen who buys property to let it increase in value in that increased value is getting something for nothing if he does not labor to create that value. It is something the people of the community who are improving the farms, roads, schools, etc., in the city improving the lots and streets have actually given to him and he has no reasonable right, since he did nothing to get it, to object if the community which gave it takes it back again. This is the justification of increasing the taxes on the speculative holding.

I think every citizen so far as possible should have a financial interest in his government. In amending our tax system this should be considered. The single tax will release more citizens of tax obligations than any other system I know of.

Mr. Hyde answers. Morning Enterprise. To the Editor:—I could not help feeling amused at the article of V. R. Hyde in reply to my article on the Single Tax proposition. He doesn't know how to vote himself, so he admits. He reminds me of the story of the boy who was selling the pups. He went to a Methodist, first offering to sell, and claiming they were Methodist pups and asking \$2 apiece for them.

A few days later he went to a Baptist and was asking \$3 apiece for them. The Baptist inquired how it was that a few days before he asked \$2 apiece, and claiming they were Methodist pups, now he wanted \$3 apiece and claimed they were Baptist pups. The boy's answer was: "Oh they've got their eyes open now." It is too bad Mr. Hyde's eyes are not open.

I am of the opinion that Mr. Hyde does not pay any tax and never has and so he is not concerned as to whether we land owners pay all the taxes, or whether the capitalist pays his share. Mr. U'ren can tell him

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Children Cry for FLETCHER'S CASTORIA STEAMER RACKED BY WAVE; ONE DEAD

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 29.—One life was lost and several passengers and members of the crew were injured when the steamer Roskoe, Captain Jensen, bound from Portland to San Francisco shipped a huge comb in crossing the Columbia River bar at 8 o'clock last Thursday morning.

One passenger, Robert Stevens, twenty-two years of age, a Canadian electrician, who forced his way from the social hall to the after-deck, against the orders of the ship's officers, was washed overboard and drowned. His body was not recovered.

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