

### What Is The Single Tax?

Many readers of The Journal are seeking for a clear, simple statement of the theory of the single tax. The following articles published in the November issue of The Journal, and its response to the question of the single tax, will give you the information of those who are seeking information on this subject.

**Q.** Oregon and Washington are each selling themselves to exempt improvements and personal property from taxation and to limit taxation more strictly to land values. Seattle is quite pleased by the example in this direction in her neighborly jurisdiction. Vancouver is not so much pleased. Has she any objection to this single tax? **A.** What is this single tax? It is a tax on the value of land only.

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### HE CLAIMS TO HAVE HUGE WATER POWER

#### Grants Pass Man Tells of 1050 Foot Fall in Mile on One Fork of Coquille.

(Special to The Journal.) Marshfield, Oct. 28.—The development of an enormous water power system in the plan of M. J. Anderson of Grants Pass and his associates. Mr. Anderson is now in Marshfield on business relative to his plan. The water rights are on the south fork of the Coquille river at Eden Ridge. Mr. Anderson was formerly in the government forest service and is well acquainted with the mountains of the coast country. According to his story, he filed the river has a fall of 1050 feet in one mile where it forms a horseshoe around Eden Ridge. By building a tunnel 800 feet long through the ridge, a fall of 1000 feet can be secured and it is possible to build a storage reservoir to guard against low water in dry weather so that 25,000 horsepower can be developed. The plan is to build a large electric generating plant to be run by the water power and transmit the electric power to different points for use of electric railways, factories or electric logging. If the latter plan should be adopted in this country, it would be a great advantage. Engineer Astor of the Coos Bay Eastern Electric railway and other engineers have inspected the property. At present engineers of Hyllehy & Co. of Chicago, owners of the electric plant in this city, are examining the property. Mr. Anderson says if the water rights are not sold the present owners will begin to develop the property themselves. According to the laws under which the water rights are held it will be necessary for work to be started soon.

### CHINESE CENSUS TAKING IS CRUDE

(By the International News Service.) London, Oct. 28.—The Chinese method of taking a census, judging from the 1911 census of Wei-Hai-Wai, issued from the colonial office last night, may be said to be the last word in the art of mystification. The Chinese method of reckoning age would scarcely meet with the wholehearted approval of a mathematician. Thus, for instance, a Chinese child at birth is said to be one year old, after it has passed one year it is said to be two years old. The mystery now deepens, for in this way, a child born in the last month of the year may be said to have attained the dignified age of two before it is 24 days old by our reckoning. In spite of this report says, the actual age returns are very accurate. This pleasing statement is accounted for by the fact that the years are divided into cycles of 12, each one of the 12 years being represented by the name of one of 12 different animals. The Chinese year corresponding to 1876 was the year of the rat; all born in that year belonged to the class of rat; as also do all people born in the year removed from 1876 by any multiple of 12. It is considered impossible to get married, have your fortunes told or hit on a lucky day with anything like success unless you know whether you are a rat, ox, tiger, hare, dragon, snake, horse, sheep, monkey, fowl, dog or pig. A source of error in age is illustrated by the case of an old woman of the village of China Tsu, known to be over 100, who insisted on the census enumerator entering her at 99. This was because it is a customary term of abuse to call a person a "100 years old donkey" or "ten-toothed donkey," which has the same significance.

Rheumatic pains increase as the approach of damp weather because the heavier atmosphere increases its pressure on the body and causes a temporary disturbance of the system.

### THE NEW JOURNAL BUILDING SEVENTH AND YAMHILL STREETS



**PEOPLE GIVEN CHANCE TO MAKE GILT-EDGED INVESTMENT**  
The Journal Building company will erect a building for the permanent home of the paper. The 11 story structure will be located on the southeast corner of Seventh and Yamhill streets, across the street from the Hotel Portland. The class of building will be A-1. The cost of the structure, including the ground, 100x100, will be about \$300,000. The company has not enough money to build this structure without borrowing, and it will have to borrow \$300,000, one-half of the necessary amount. There are two ways of borrowing this money: One way is to get it from our friends, our advertisers and subscribers, by subscriptions, to a bond issue; secured by a first mortgage on the building and ground. The other way of borrowing this money is from a trust company, or life insurance company. The Journal wishes to ascertain how many of its friends will subscribe to these bonds, and in what amounts. These bonds, if issued, will draw six per cent interest, payable semi-annually, through a trustee or bank here in Portland, and will run ten years.

**CHANCE FOR INVESTMENT**  
In other words, this is an opportunity for friends of The Journal to invest their money in a well secured six per cent bond for ten years. In the event the bonds are "called"—taken up—prior to the expiration of the ten years, a three per cent premium on the face of the bond "called" will be paid in addition to the principal and accumulated interest. The other way of borrowing this money is from a trust company, or life insurance company, or capitalist, in one lump sum for a specified term of years at a rate of interest below six per cent. The Journal is simply desirous of determining how many of its friends are willing to subscribe to the bonds on the terms as given here, in amount of \$100 to \$50,000. It prefers to pay interest to home people, and even higher rate in preference to outsiders, and makes this frank statement in consequence, in connection with the announcement of the construction of the building.

The above announcement appeared for the first time in The Sunday Journal of October 22. There has been a gratifying response, many subscriptions to the bonds coming from unexpected sources. More than \$100,000 of the bonds have already been taken. If readers of this paper desire to invest in these bonds, to be issued about January 1st, 1912, through the Security Savings & Trust Company, who will act as trustee, let them fill out the following form and mail it to C. S. Jackson, Publisher, "The Journal," Portland, Oregon. Small subscriptions, as low as \$100 especially invited, as well as larger ones, until the whole issue of the bonds, \$300,000, is taken.

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Please enter my name as a subscriber for Journal Building Bonds, according to the terms of your printed announcement, in the sum of..... dollars, the bonds to be delivered to me on or about January 1, 1912, upon payment of their face value.  
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### MILLER DIDN'T SAY HE FAVORED GOV. HARMON

Senator M. A. Miller of Lynn county is much disgruntled because he was quoted in the Portland press recently as favoring the election to the presidency of Governor Harmon, the Ohio Democrat. "I merely said that I would be glad to help in preparation for Governor Harmon's entertainment if he came to Oregon," Senator Miller wrote to The Journal yesterday. "That doesn't mean that I approve the candidacy of Governor Harmon above other possible Democratic candidates. In fact, I haven't announced my position as yet."

Keeping the flap closed by a rubber cord, a Washington inventor claims to have devised a coin purse that is safer than the usual form.

**THE MEIER & FRANK STORE'S 11 TH ANNUAL DOLL SHOW**  
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