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SINGLE TAX AGAIN.

If Mr. Yates should write forever he will never convince us that it is right to allow the rich owner of personal property to escape taxation and place all the burdens upon the land owner. The thing is not right and no argument can make it right. The CHRONICLE does not dispute the justice of taxing the "unearned increment" of lands, but there are other "unearned increments" besides these. Any speculation that results profitably is all unearned increment beyond the mere value of the labor bestowed in making the investment. It is no more right to tax a piece of land according to the value that has accrued by reason of the influx of population than it is to tax the profits of a lucky speculation in wheat or pork. The profits of both beyond a fair interest on the money invested and the cost of time and labor in making the investment, are unearned increment and should alike be taxed. The community, though in different ways, created the increase of values and the community is as much owner of the increase of wheat or pork as it is of land. To say that a stockman should not be taxed "because he is engaged in the meritorious business of raising food for society" is sophistry. The farmer is engaged in the same business. Why therefore, should he be taxed and the stockman go free? It is a poor rule that won't work both ways.

But it is idle to discuss the single-tax theory any farther. The CHRONICLE has two insuperable objections to it. It believes in a system of taxation that shall be equal and uniform, a system that will lay the burdens incident to government as well upon the rich man's gold as upon the poor man's field, a system that shall tax poor and rich in proportion to their poverty or wealth. No system that proposes to lay all the burden upon land and allow everything else to go free can ever accomplish this. But there is another objection still greater. The single-tax theory is simply the entering wedge of socialism which is the practical confiscation of all property rights and which in turn is but the prelude of anarchy. This is by no means saying that all single-tax theorists are communists. We simply assert that their doctrine leads in that direction. To say that the value the community has given to land belongs, not to the private owner, but to the community is socialism pure and simple, and nothing else. If it belongs to the community there is an end to private ownership. The next step is confiscation, and the next anarchy, and the next national death.

An alarming epidemic of pessimism has lately seized a large class of political reformers. With them the country is rapidly drifting into anarchy and ruin. The poor are becoming poorer and the rich richer. Labor is no longer profitable and nakedness stare the millions of toilers in the face. The lands, the natural heritage of the people are mortgaged beyond redemption and the people, themselves, are taxed beyond endurance and ground under the heels of a monied oligarchy that threatens, at no distant day to swallow the nation bodily. These be the terms of their rhetoric and these their methods of appeal. Meanwhile the vast majority of these starving millions manage to get three square meals a day with an occasional desert of strawberries and cream. Alas! that out here on the Pacific coast we should be so blinded to our true condition that we should never have known that we were starving and naked if somebody had not told us! The facts simply are there is no country on the footstool of the Almighty to equal the United States for a poor man, and there is no part of the United States to equal the Pacific coast. No country on earth is destitute of a poverty prosperity cannot reach and legislation cannot prevent. The wisest forethought cannot provide for a succession of crop failures, wholly attributable to natural causes, nor can the best legislation increase the value of a product when there is a surplus upon the market. If we have wrongs through the natural greed and oppression of the monied power, as we undoubtedly have, the method of avenging them is within our grasp. The ballot box is the great rectifier of all political and economic wrongs and a united people can soon strike off the fetters of oppression.

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Steam Ferry.
R. O. EVANS is now running a steam Ferry between Hood River and White Salmon. Charges reasonable. R. O. Evans, Prop.

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England is in many respects the most favored of all European nations and a certain class of politicians are wont to point to the laboring classes as being in as good, if not a better condition than those of the United States. Of course nobody believes this but the pretention to believe it is made notwithstanding. Not long ago an inquiry by a select committee revealed the appalling fact that forty five per cent. of all the rural laborers who reach the age of sixty become chargeable to the parish, and at a meeting of the National Provident League, held about three weeks ago Mr. Chamberlain M. P. stated his conviction that one of every two workmen, if he lives to be sixty years old, is almost certain to have to come upon the poor law for his subsistence. This excessive proportion of poverty cannot be attributed to improvidence alone. A London paper commenting on these facts says: "It is difficult for the average working man earning, say a pound a week (\$5) to save any substantial sum," and urges some well considered scheme of national insurance for the thousands of self respecting poor who have a deep-rooted aversion to parish relief. What a contrast such a state of affairs presents to the laboring classes of the United States.

The Union Pacific is at its old game. Negotiations had been in progress for some time looking to the hiring of a steamer to connect with the new boat. It appears the U. P. got wind of it, as we announced yesterday, and promptly purchased the boat and tied her up. This was to be expected. Any body who imagines Jay Gould is asleep will get badly fooled. The company will undoubtedly fight the opposition to the bitter end, but a boat will be secured in the long run even if one has to be built for the purpose, and when the portage is finished and the line opened to Portland the man from The Dalles who patronizes the Union Pacific ought to be ridden on a rail.

Death of Clarence Durbin.
The many friends of Clarence Durbin and of his young wife, the eldest daughter of Mr. Geo. A. Young, of Bake Oven, will regret to learn of his death which we find recorded in yesterday's Oregonian as follows:

Mr. W. R. Sewall has received a dispatch from Billings, Mont., stating that his nephew, Clarence Durbin, died there Sunday morning from injuries received the day before. No particulars were given. Clarence Durbin was a son of Sol. Durbin, a pioneer resident of Marion county. He married Miss Aggie Young of this city, a daughter of Geo. Young, formerly connected with the Cosmopolitan hotel. He was engaged in stock raising near Billings, and was a steady, industrious young man, well liked by all who knew him.

On Friday last Rev. Dr. Brice delivered an address at Louisville, Ky., upon "The Influence of the Scotch-Irish in the formation of the American government." The greatest men of the colonial revolt against the king were Franklin, John Adams, Sam Adams, Otis, Patrick Henry, Jefferson, Richard Henry Lee and John Rutledge. They were all of pure English stock, save Henry and Rutledge. But the Scotch-Irish were conspicuous among the soldiers and the rank and file of the people who fought the revolution. Starke, Montgomery, Sullivan, George and James Clinton, Wayne, Knox, Mercer, Montrie, Morgan, Sumter, Horry, Miffin, Hayne, Commodore Barry, Campbell, Shelby, Butler, were all of Scotch-Irish stock. After the revolution the Scotch-Irish stock was conspicuous at the south, and Cathoun, McDuffie, Hayne, who plotted against the Union, and Jackson, Livingstone and Clay, who defended it, were all of this strain. President Arthur, on his father's side, and Blaine on his mother's side, are sprung from this stock. Stonewall Jackson and Joe Johnston both came of it, as did General Phil. Kearney, General Logan, on his father's side; Sam Houston, David Crockett, Commodore McDonough; O'Hara, author of "The Bivouac of the Dead;" Simon Cameron, James Buchanan, General Carroll, General McColl, General McDowell, Ben Butler, Speaker Carlisle, Governor Gordon, of Georgia, General McCook, Admiral Rowan, General McClellan, General McClelland, General McPherson all came of this stock. The Scotch-Irish stream went to Maine and New Hampshire and to Pennsylvania and North Carolina. Its overflow poured into Kentucky, Virginia, Tennessee, South Carolina, Georgia and Arkansas.

Future of the Hunt Road.
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A Pretty Garden Ornament.
A very pretty piece of ornamental gardening, not too difficult for beginners, can be done with an old umbrella or parasol and some plants of cypress vines, manrandia, sweet pea or anything that is not of too aspiring a nature. Such climbers as the morning glory, canary bird vine and other twenty footers, are better left for unsightly fences and buildings. Plants are better than seed, because more certain, and they do not take so long to catch the knack of twining and spreading. Umbrella ribs are not decorative, and to see such an object standing there week after week, waiting for its clothes, does not give people a pleasant impression of a garden. But first find your umbrella; and this may not be so easy, for "retired" umbrellas that are no longer fit for use are seldom seen. Some member of the family, however, may be able to produce one, and then it should be immediately stripped of the few tatters left to it. The next step is to paint the frame and handle brown, and when quite dry plant the end of the handle firmly in the ground, with the frame fully opened. If the handle is rather short it will be an improvement to add a piece of wood to it.

It is now ready for the vines, which should have made some progress in growing; and when they once begin to do their best the old umbrella frame makes such a lovely green bower studded with blossoms of red or purple or white—or all together if the vines are mixed—that every one exclaims over its beauty. A parasol with the same treatment is equally pretty on a smaller scale, and it would be very ornamental in the center of a round bed edged with bright colored phlox or candytuft. With a long spouted watering pot the vines could have a daily drenching in warm weather, when the sun is not shining on them, from their roots to their highest green tips, and this would keep them fresh.—Harper's Young People.

New Uses for an Old Material.
Peat, used for fuel from the earliest times, and long known to be of great value as a fertilizer, now finds so many other applications that its preparation has developed into an industry. Peat powder is serviceable, not only about stables but elsewhere, on account of its absorbent and somewhat antiseptic properties and low cost. A French surgeon introduced this powder, treated with antiseptic solutions and contained in a cloth bag, as a dressing for wounds. The idea, said to be a very old one among the working people of some places, was improved upon by another medical man of Paris, Dr. Redon, who made a soft and pliable wadding of peat. Other dressings have since crowded these out of hospitals, though the peat applications are coming into use and gaining in favor among veterinary surgeons. Dr. Redon's wadding has yielded important results by leading to many efforts to produce woven fabrics, so that peat is now made into mattresses, coverings, carpets, etc., which are esteemed on account of their power of absorption.—Iron.

Which Was Correct?
Two young girls who were considered bright scholars in the high school were looking over a birthday book, which was arranged alphabetically, a handsome, illuminated letter forming the heading for each page. "I wonder," said one of the girls, "if there are just as many pages as there are letters in the alphabet, or whether there are some duplicates? Count the pages and see, Maud." Maud turned the leaves rapidly and announced, "There are no duplicates; only thirty pages, just as there are letters." "Why, you goose!" said Alice, "you'd better go back to primary school. Don't you know there are only twenty-four letters in the alphabet?"—Youth's Companion.

A Train Problem.
It is seldom indeed that the following question is answered correctly offhand: A train starts daily from San Francisco to New York and one daily from New York to San Francisco, the journey lasting five days. How many trains will a traveler meet in journeying from New York to San Francisco? About ninety-nine persons out of a hundred would say five trains, as a matter of course. The fact is overlooked that every day during the journey a fresh train is starting from the other end, and there are five trains on the way to begin with. Consequently the traveler will meet not five trains but ten.—New York Tribune.

Greedy Foreigners.
All excursionists agree as to the avidity with which those "furriners" seize on to good, hard, honest American gold. A Springfield man was bargaining for a parrot in a Havana bird store. The price was set at seventeen dollars, but the dealer shaded it down, a few dollars at a time. Finally the American took out a United States five dollar gold piece, remarking that he would give so much and no more. The dealer clutched the coin, and passed over the parrot, cage and all, before the gay bird could wink.—Springfield (Mass.) Homestead.

A Botanical Curiosity.
At a meeting of the Royal Botanical society the secretary brought to the notice of members a portion of a large popular lately blown down in the gardens, showing a network of roots running almost round the trunk, between the bark and wood, at some distance from the ground. The plant had apparently derived its nourishment not from the soil, but from the decaying portions of itself.—Pall Mall Budget.

Peculiarity of Chinese Law.
If a Chinese boy were to kill a parent he would be burned alive at the stake in punishment for such an unnatural and horrible crime. But over the life of his children a father has absolute control, and can murder one of them and never incur the least penalty at the hands of the law.—Philadelphia Times.

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