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A CASE IN POINT.

The assessor of Baker county found more property in that county this year than heretofore. He added to the taxable property of that county $120,000. He appears to have found all forms of property, except those valuable productive mines we hear so much about.

The tota assessable values in Baker county, according to the assessor, is $2,893,055. This is a large amount, but not enough, if the stories we hear concerning the mines of that section are true.

We have been told there are productive mines in Baker county that have been sold for $1,000,000 each in cold cash. It is asserted there are several such properties. There are hundreds of others of lesser value.

If this form of property was assessed the same as other property, as it should be, Baker county's assessable property would be $10,000,000, if a cent. And why are not productive mines assessed? Mines are property, are they not?

Then again Baker county people should have a little more cash than the assessor credits them. While the people of Umatilla county returned to the assessor, for taxation purposes, something like $90,000 those of Baker only turned in $26,710, in the face of the published fact that there is on deposit in one bank in Baker City more than a million of dollars, $300,000 of which is reported as cash on hand.

These remarks are made, not for the purpose of calling attention to the work of the assessor in Baker county, but to evidence the iniquities and inequalities of a taxation system which gives such latitude to rascals and other unconscientious persons, while laying additional burdens upon those who are not disposed to evade the needs of government.

In short, the present method of taxation fines conscience, discourages honesty and square dealing and gives advantages to the unscrupulous, thus weakening our institutions by an insidious attack upon morals and manhood.

The remedy lies in the direction of local option in taxation, and the exemption of all personal property—the products of labor—including improvements upon land. If this were done the burden of necessary government would fall equally upon all, to the encouragement of industry and enterprise and the discouragement of speculation and manipulation, capitalization and monopoly.

The virus of a bad form of taxation is in our blood and its poisons have penetrated the body politic, until the greater number of men are quite unable to determine what belongs to them, or what belongs to others, from what belongs to the state. The iniquities of the method of collecting the state's revenues are eating away at the soul of good citizenship and, if left alone, will eventually destroy popular institutions and the rights and liberties of free men.

The state cannot afford to foster wrong methods any more than can the individual.

OH, LAND OF LIBERTY.

Those principals that Lincoln stood for and that Bryan stands for are identical in many instances. In a speech recenty Mr. Bryan declared:

"What constitutes the bulwarks of our liberty and independence? It is not our frowning battlements or bristling sea coasts, our army or our navy. Our reliance is in the love of liberty, which God has planted in us. Our defense is in the spirit which prizes liberty as the heritage of all men in all lands, everywhere. Destroy this spirit and you have planted the seed of despotism at your own doors. Familiarize yourself with the chains of bondage and you prepare your own limbs to wear them. Accustomed to trample on the rights of others, you have lost the strength of your own independence and become the fit subject of the first cunning tyrant who rises among you. They who deny freedom to others deserve it not for themselves, and under a just God cannot long retain it."

It is this love of liberty, this respect for other's right, that will prevent a government of the people, by the people and for the people from perishing from the earth.

SALVATION ARMY ENTERPRISE.

The irrigation farms of the Salvation Army are attracting considerable notice. In Colorado the Army has one farm of a thousand acres and is about to add another thousand. It has another farm in California and the movement generally is looked upon as of some economic importance.

Commander Booth-Tucker invited his friend E. A. Pargiter, a government irrigation engineer of the Punjab, India, to visit the irrigation farms of the Salvation Army and Mr. Pargiter is now in this country on a two years' leave of absence.

"I intend also to study irrigation in the United States for my own benefit" said Mr. Pargiter in an interivew at San Francisco. "Methods and conditions here are quite different from in India, where I have been connected with the public works for some fifteen years."

Mr. Pargiter upheld the Indian government in its treatment of the famine question. "India," he said, "has reclaimed vast areas through building permanent irrigation works for the watering of arid lands which cannot grow crops without irrigation, and his has wonderfully improved the condition of the people living in those districts. There are now about 5,000,000 acres benefited by a system of irrigation works.

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"Irrigation is under government control in India. This has proved by far the most satisfactory method and the best for the people. There have been many large private irrigation projects but the government has found it necessary sooner or later to control them for the reason that investments in large irrigation enterprises do not yield an immediate return on the money and private capital is not willing to wait eight or ten or even fifteen years for an investment to begin to pay. But the government can wait, and finally will secure good interest on its money. Some of the districts return a profit to the government as high as 10 and 15 per cent. Rice and sugar land is charged for irrigation about $3 per acre. The charge for cotton lands is $2. For wheat and barley lands $1 is the charge.

"Irrigation can hardly solve the main question for the reason that the famines occur in regions where some years there is ample rainfall for the crops. The drouth comes along generally about once in ten years and while an irrigation system would avert trouble for that year, during the other nine years it would not be patronized. The stricken districts have suffered a drought for three years in succession this time, something which will probably never happen again for fifty or one hundred years. When it rains in those districts there is more than enough of it. Irrigation is then utterly of no use."

THE DEMOCRATIC AMERICANS.

We had a great field for the study of American characteristics at the inauguration of the United States pavillion—a ceremony that was combined with the handing over of the building to the French government, says Labonchere in London Truth. The visible sign of transfer was a golden key, with the spread eagle serving for the handle. This symbol of ownership was given to the French president of the exhibition commission, M. Picard.

He was asked by Mr. Peck, the head of the United States commission, to wear it with his own decorations. The ladies were endless. There was not a plain face among the younger ones. All were pleasing who were not strikingly pretty. Each seemed in the habit of governing her own life and of finding admiring companions in the unmarried of the other sex. The married people did not mix much with the unmarried. Mr. Simms, however, as secretary to a branch (the press branch) of the American commission, was attentive to the possible wants and wishes of the lady journalists. He is at the opposite pole of the how-not-to-do-it circumlocution official. Mr. Simms always knows how to do it, and never seems tired of rendering good offices. Mrs. Simms is an American lady of whom Uncle Sam may be proud. How the old man's heart must often swell with pride and pleasure at the endless nieces:

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The crowd was stifling. All Americans in Paris were invited through the papers. Of course, there was a "free lunch." That is an essential part of an American afternoon celebration. Sousa's band played. It reminded me of the band one hears at the Tivoli in Hanover and in front of the Casino at Baden-Baden. French police could not appreciate, like our ambassador, American ways. They looked with almost angry eyes at the free and easy cheerfulness of their brethren of the "American Guard." Two of the latter stood laughingly back to back in the middle of the company to see who was the taller. Another pair shook hands across the shoulder of a United States senator, who, I am told, was a billionaire. He did not seem to resent the freedom of the American guards, but the French policemen did. The inauguration was through and through on democratic lines, and everyone seemed to enjoy it. Though guards were so free and hearty, I did not see one that was in the least rough, and all stood back to make way for the ladies. How the latter were idolized, but in a companionable way. The female infant born in the United States draws a good ticket in the lottery of life.

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I thought of what Mrs. Beecher Stowe said about the melancholy undertone of George Eliot's novels—"She needs to go and pass a few years in our hearty, laughing, happy country." Of course, General Horace Porter, United States ambassador, attended the inaugural and transfer ceremony. He is robust of mind and body and most hearty and affable. The general modestly attributed his rapid rise in the United States army to "mortality, not merit." He was on General Grant's staff during the civil war. The polytechnic school here turns out prigs. But West Point, where General Porter graduated, does not. I could imagine him achieving splendid success as a political orator during the canvas for the presidency. He has the off-hand manner, the far-reaching voice, the original forms of speech and the fine sprits that carry all before them at a convention out West. And yet no professional diplomat could beat General Porter in a close game in which America as against other interests were the stakes. He is intensely shrewd and could not be indiscreet.

General Noyes, who served also under Grant and was Unted States minister here, was a man of kindred mind, spirit, physique and disposition. I believe he was a lawyer before he went into the army. His robust, offhanded, somewhat florid and original speeches were racy of Ohio soil and delightful.

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Dated August 6, 1900.

CARL JENSEN
ISAAC JAY.

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The county board of equalization is hereby called to meet at the office of County Clerk D. Chamberlain on Monday, August 27, 1900, for the transaction of such business as may properly come before it. All persons having business in connection with the equalization of taxes are also notified to be present to have their grievances acted upon by the board.

GEORGE REAM,
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