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EDITORIAL.

Burglars extracted \$5,000 worth of jewels from Clane Spreckles' residence, in San Francisco, on Monday night of last week. This was an unfortunate day for Spreckles, but he got off cheap compared to what Graham extracted from him in the Beaver Hill coal mines.

The Cleveland Citizen a newspaper published in Ohio, after diligent search and enquiry, has given out the information that Czolgosz, the assassin, is a Republican and that his near relatives belong to the same party. This information should have a demping effect on those journals which are charging up McKinley's assassination to the cartoons and criticism of the opposition.

There are aggregates of consolidation that shake up even the Oregonian editor and turns his mind's eye to Socialism. The Salt Trust, for instance, takes in the supply of the world and is so enormous that the Oregonian man can see no way out of the difficulty except through government ownership, ruinous as it claims Socialism is to individual initiative. Under present conditions individual initiative is governed by greed, and the individual is not loth to give up his individual effort and join a combine when he sees greater profits accruing by collectivism. Then why should not the great mass of common people quit their initiative individual foolishness and enjoy the greater benefits which will obtain under government, or collective ownership.

He Hit Him Hard.

From The Peoples Press.

Father McGrady, Pastor of St. Anthony's Church, Bellevue, Ky., who has taken active part in socialist propaganda, has challenged the Rev. Father Winsey, of St. Peter's Cathedral, Cincinnati, O., to a debate.

Father Winsey, when denouncing Anarchy in a recent sermon, attempted to lay something of the blame upon Socialism, and Father McGrady has been quick to resent this slur upon the cause to the furtherance of which he has devoted so much time and effort by voice and pen. In the course of his challenge, father McGrady says: "Socialism works for the highest interests of humanity. In denouncing Socialism and, by inclusion, the brotherhood of man, you are fighting against the very people from whom you derive your means of support. It is chiefly out of the hardened pittance of the toilers that men of your stamp build costly churches to a Redeemer whose most sacred social teachings you outrage. I hereby agree to hire a hall and pay all the expenses of the debate. I am moved to challenge you in this fashion out of love for my fellow-man and from a genuine desire to illumine your ignorance to the end that you may, in turn, lead your flock out up on the great highways of light and truth."

Boers Have Plenty of Guns.

New York, Oct. 12.—Dr. Leyds, in an interview with a correspondent of the Paris Eclair, quoted in a dispatch to the Times from Paris, says the British have kindly provided the Boers with rifles, ammunition, horses and food. He declares that thousands of Afrikaners have been driven to take the field by British informers, and adds that a series of decisive successes on the part of the Boers in Cape Colony is expected. Dr. Leyds says the Boers have buried nearly all their own rifles, and will not dig them up again until the British supply falls short.

To the readers of this paper who will send their name and address for a sample copy of the New York Family Story Paper they will receive the opening chapter of Miss Lanra Jean Libbey's best story, "Betrotted For a Day." Do not miss this opportunity to secure free the opening chapter of this grand and intense love story. Do not wait until you read thoroughly this paper but write at once, to Munro's Publishing house, 24-26 Vandewater Street, New York City, N. Y.

The Single Tax.

From the Paso Robles Independent.

"The Call" and "The Bulletin" have recently been jumping on the Single Tax proposition by a series of editorials in which misunderstanding and misrepresentation are the chief elements.

Commenting on the Bulletin work, Jos. Leggett, in "The Star," says: "The talented editor who wrote those articles ought, out of regard for the safety of his readers, to resolve, as did the late Oliver Wendell Holmes, that he will never again dare to write as funny as he can. On the street the other day, one of our citizens asked his friend: 'Is the author of those articles fooling, or doesn't he know any better?' Any one who knows how much knowledge of political economy is possessed by ordinary newspaper editor will be quite ready to believe that the humor of those articles is wholly unconscious. The writer of them did not know that he was funny.

It is, of course, absolutely impossible for a single taxer to discuss the questions which the writer of those articles imagines himself to be considering, with one who has no conception of what "rent" is; who is apparently incapable of distinguishing the difference between a tax on land and a tax on the value of land; who has not the faintest glimmer of an idea of the difference between the rental value and the market value of land; and who is not aware of the fact that real estate and land are not convertible terms.

The "Bulletin" writer does not attempt to refute the justice of the single tax proposition but tries to show its uselessness on the ground that a single land value tax could be shifted to the user of land.

Mr. Leggett does not controvert this but simply cites a century and a quarter of the most learned writers from Adam Smith to Henry George to prove that it is impossible to shift land taxes to the user.

But in all this is not Mr. Leggett unkind and unfair? What does the knowledge of such famous economists J. B. Sng, John Stuart Mill, George Adam Smith, and the rest amount to compared to the editorial mabatmas of the "Bulletin" and "Call" whose modesty precludes their signing their names, and whose individuality is merged in the giant intellectual corporations for which they write? It would take a century and a quarter to enlighten some of them.

Ah-Sid, the famous Chinese Kid, caught the bumble-bee, mistaking it for a "Mellican Butterfly." He put it in his seat pocket and thoughtlessly sat down on it thinking it dead.

Like Ah-Sid, the Bulletin man says of the single tax: "The proposition is, however, hardly a live subject for discussion at present. It may possibly become so in the future, but if it does, it will probably be in the distant future."

The "Mellican Butterfly" got in its work on Ah-Sid and he rose—a hotter and wiser man.

Mr. Leggett's closing words cover the case: "Some five years ago, Col. Higginson wrote: 'There is no race, on the whole, more blind than statesmen.' He ought to have excepted the race of editors of modern daily newspapers. Whilst these blind races have been groping around in darkness, the single taxers have been at work undermining the fabrics of landlordism. Their work to that end is now substantially accomplished. That citadel of injustice stands to day, throughout the English-speaking world, where John Morley tells us the iniquitous institutions of pre-revolutionary France stood at the death of Turgot in 1781, with every yard under them mined, and waiting for the finishing strokes to blot them out forever. In fact, the finishing strokes are already falling in New Zealand, South Australia, New South Wales, and Queensland, and Colorado's arm is raised to strike the first blow for industrial freedom in this country next year. Ohio is preparing to follow, and New York and Massachusetts will not remain far behind."

Before long the "Bulletin" boy will understand just how Ah-Sid felt.

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From the Oregonian.

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The possibilities of the salt trust are easily seen to be tremendous. Ordinary measures and devices pale before the colossal scope of its ambitions and its powers. There is nothing competent to cope with so formidable a private undertaking but government itself; and to government as an escape from private monopoly many minds will instinctively turn. Shall we have to set the Government at work evaporating the waters of the sea, in order to get out from under the exaction of the international salt trust? This would be a lame independence! For the chief source of salt is in the mines.

When a monopoly becomes so great that it controls absolutely the supply and the market in a prime necessity throughout the whole world, the almost inevitable step to be taken next is government ownership. Ruinous as socialism is to individual initiative, greatly as we distrust public entrance into private enterprise, no one need expect the masses to sit down comfortably and take their salt uncomplainingly at whatever price a world monopoly dictates. Perhaps their faith in human nature should be greater, perhaps the sleek gentlemen enjoying the good thing are more to be trusted than the average Government officials; but these are considerations of no weight. Universal monopoly is a step in the direction of Government ownership of everything. The salt trust promoters have done more practical work for socialism than was accomplished by all Henry George's studies and Edward Bellamy's dreams.

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