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GREAT SPENDERS

The people of the United States of all classes, and almost every stage of life, are notoriously great spenders, and the more prosperous the laborer, the business man, the money lender and the people in general, the more is spent for luxury.

We speak of the present "good times," but how much better off is the average citizen today than he was when the country was in perhaps more stringent circumstances. Money is wasted in luxury today which could ill be afforded in the home a half century ago for absolute necessities. There is no more enjoyment, to all things considered. The struggle against competition continues. The trusts and monopolies are making each vocation more and more burdensome. War between capital and labor is heard everywhere.

Nevertheless the country actually is the greatest nation of savers, according to banking statistics, that exist today. For of the money in savings bank deposits of the principal countries of the world, the United States claims over twenty-nine per cent of all. But this is insufficient to carry on the vast business of the country without the credit system, which is surprisingly prevalent today. It is not wholly money with which the United States, in fact the whole world, does business, but credit. The tendency of the times is for the volume of credit transactions to grow each year more than the supply of actual money. Indeed more than ninety per cent of the business of the world is done on credit.

Mr. Jennings of the great Oregon Power Company, said a few days ago that it would be impossible for his company to own its entire equipment all over the United States. They are dependent upon creditors. This is only one of the many concerns controlling vast business interests with little money invested compared to their holdings.

Under the present conditions it might seem to a close observer that the country stands on the verge of financial destruction. With so much credit and so little money in conducting the business of the United States it is not strange that any significant turn of national affairs will throw the whole country into a panic, such as was experienced under free trade conditions of the Cleve-

land administration, and others. Discontentment has ever been the cause of relax in the progress of this country. We are not too well off, as a nation, today. But it has long been demonstrated that republican principles have been rewarded with success in great abundance, and it behooves every voter to look well at the probable consequence of a change when he comes to cast his ballot at the November election.

THE CHEAP LAND TALK

In every fight the time comes when facts and not words must be the criterion. The single tax advocates are straining every nerve and little things like facts get disregarded by them.

W. S. U'Ren and A. D. Cridge are disciples of Henry George. They are now advocating his Single Tax doctrine in Oregon. Some of the printed words of Mr. U'Ren and his pal, Mr. Cridge, say that the Graduated Single Tax will make the big landowners loosen up, sell their holdings. They say excessive taxation will make it impossible for land owners to hold their lands; therefore, land will become cheaper. These men declare that the prospective purchaser and homeseeker will come to Oregon to buy these cheap lands, and that the great news will travel over the earth, and a loud cry will rise: Ho! for Oregon; for a home in Oregon.

These are the words uttered, but are they the facts? Is there sincerity in either M. U'Ren or Mr. Cridge? Would homeseekers and prospective investors in Oregon be blind? Or would they be insane?

When they ask why lands are cheap you would have to say: "Excessive taxation by Single Tax is the cause. Land alone pays taxes here."

If they wanted to make their homes in Oregon, would they invest when they knew land would go still lower in price, until excessive taxation drove it into the hands of the state? Cheap land of that nature in Oregon spells ruin to all. Single Taxers promise cheap lands as a result of Single Tax. If they are correct, this then is true: Single Tax spells ruin to all.

R-U-R-N—not U'Ren.

THE PUBLIC SERVICE

It is the duty of every good citizen to devote himself to some extent to public service. The interests of the community should be held in high regard by all members of it. No sacrifice ought to be regarded as too great if thereby the welfare of the neighborhood, large or small, in which one's lot is cast, may be promoted. Public service, in red out of office, is therefore the highest form of civil usefulness and one which will commend itself the most to noble spirits.

The public servant must expect to find his chief reward, indeed most generally his only one, in the unconsciousness that comes from duty well performed. He who serves best the

public will be as often cursed as blessed by the public whom he serves. After he dies his memory will be mourned and great tears will be shed and his tomb will be pointed out to all who visit there. But while he yet lives in the flesh his motives will be misunderstood. His actions will be misinterpreted, while his very reluctance in public affairs will make him the target of low-flying abuse and jealousy. This is not an unusual experience. It is the common lot of those who serve the public or seek to promote the general good of the community.

Let a man in this town, or any other for that matter, start out to serve the public. He will find every second man doubting his sincerity, and half the others putting obstacles in his way. The little fellows will back at him and the larger ones will snarl or swear. There are some rare spirits who can not even by cruel ingratitude, be deterred from earnest, self-sacrificing, patriotic labor. These are the men who move forward the community, whose memory is held as the city's most sacred heritage.

WHEN HOPKICKING OPENS

Most towns have one New Year's day. Independence has two. The other one is when hopkicking begins. Everything in Independence dates back to hopkicking time and business dates from this September New Year's. Houses are rented from then. The merchants' faces brighten. Trade takes a new thro. And the summer girl fades into a vision of eternal loveliness under a big straw hat.

Independence is beautiful and busy now, the citizen says to his guest in July, but come again when hopkicking commences. Yes, things look prosperous now, says the tradesman in the summertime, but look out for more when hopkicking time comes. And thus it goes in every avocation and situation. Even the flea is more in evidence when hopkicking time is at hand.

There seems to be a greater opportunity this year than ever, and it is believed that Independence will show more general activity, from September 5th, the usual time for the harvest to commence, than has been noticed for many years.

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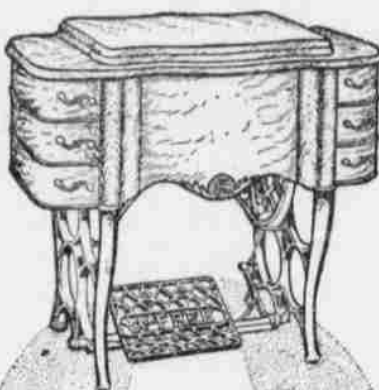
Flying Men Fall

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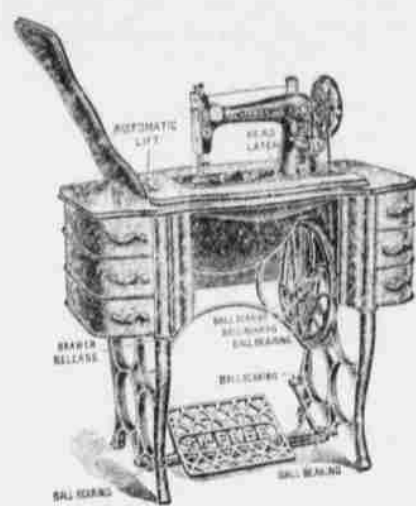
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