

... Xmas Display ...

30 Head Steers

As fine as ever bred the sweet alfalfa of this glorious Klamath Basin are now being fed, lamb-like, to the sacrifice pen to feed the good people of Klamath Falls for the holidays. These cattle were secured over two months ago for this especial occasion.

An extra fine line of milked veal and lambs. Barley-fed pork, turkeys, chickens, celery, cranberries, oysters galore.

Take a walk up. I will show you as fine and artistic line of meats as you ever seen.

Take a walk up. I will show you as fine and artistic Display of meats as you ever cast a critical eye over, and we have put them up from New York to San Francisco and from Alaska to Mexico.

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LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE

Comments sent to the Herald for publication in this department should not exceed 300 words in length and must be accompanied by the name and address of the sender.

The Singletaxer and His Dreams

I read with pleasure Mr. T. O. Thompson's article in your paper of the 26th ult., and can say it is a good exposition of the singletaxer's theory. I am always glad to argue questions of interest with a singletaxer. They are, as a rule, a little further advanced than the followers of other political faiths. They are conscious of the injustice of the present system, and propose a remedy, and it is easy to distinguish between those whose intentions are good and those who do not intend doing anything to abolish human misery.

I am sure all of you who read Mr. Thompson's article will agree with me that his head and heart is all right, and I am really sorry to have to expose the fallacy of his theories, and the failure of single tax as a cure for the evils which abound in present society.

Referring to the statistics from Detroit, Mich., purporting to show that for every baby born there is an increase of from \$2 to \$300 in land values—Well, that is a new one on me. I suppose that now since the people of Detroit have learned the cause of their increase in their land values that they will look up the records to see how many babies are born in Detroit before they determine what should be the price of property that they may wish to sell or buy. I have spent many years in different cities in the United States, Canada and elsewhere. I have noticed property climbing in value for years in those same cities, to be followed by years of declining prices, but never before have I dreamed that the increase was due to the number of babies born. But how am I to account for the decrease? Do babies refuse to be born in years of depression? There are some people in this community who believe that if the Southern Pacific builds their

If we only adopt it, but before I tell you any more about the single tax I will hasten to say that I have gained my information from "Progress and Poverty."

For the information of those poor, unfortunate who have not read that book I will say it is to the single taxer what the Koran is to the Mohammedans; the Bible to the Christians; or Karl Marx's "Capital" is to the Socialists. Whatever you have seen in "Progress and Poverty," that is so; but what knowledge you have gathered elsewhere—well, that is good for discussion.

Single tax simply means a tax on land values. Improvements they say, should not be taxed at all. A city lot would be taxed just as much as the one adjoining it which may have a brick block on it and bring its owner a nice sum of money as rent every month. Right here I want to remark that in this case the revenue comes—not from the land—which in this case produces nothing, but from the improvements, which is wealth already produced and owned. Then why is it more just to tax the land than the improvements, which makes the land valuable? Some of you may also think that this sort of taxation would give the man who had the wherewithal to build an undue advantage over the man who had nothing to build with. It would put an end to speculation in town lots. I cheerfully admit that, and I can't see that a speculator is any good to any community. It is not likely that the ground tax would be any higher than the personal property tax is now, and the man who owns a paying city block—it does not matter to him if you call his tax land or personal property tax. He would get the money to pay it from the shopkeeper, or whoever else rents to, and they would in turn charge a little more for their goods or their services, so in the end the consumer pay the single tax as well as the double one.

Of course, the workers who could not build a business block, could go out in the outskirts of town and build a shack where they could find a vacant piece of ground but in cities like Klamath Falls where one can buy a large lot for from \$100 and up by paying 19 per cent down and \$5 per month, and that would not be taxed at all.

Henry George says in "Progress and Poverty" that this tax on the farmers would be somewhat higher than what they are paying now, but he says that would be offset by the advantages from the single tax. Where could those advantages come in, Mr. Thompson? You single taxers do not believe in government ownership of railroads and other monopolies, so they would still be at liberty to exact their pound of flesh for making exchanges. But I forgot! You are going to tax the profit back out of them by taxing that strip of ground called the "right of way." I can not see how the railroads could be made pay more for that strip of land than what the farmers alongside are paying for similar lands.

But I will grant that they could be made to pay an exorbitant tax on their right of way. Is it not likely, Mr. Thompson, that the railroads would retaliate by raising rates? And then who would reap the benefit? Talk about being fined for being in distress! Under the single tax, if a farmer went to work, and by fertilizing, draining or otherwise improved his ground and made it yield double what it did before, then the tax would be doubled on his land. Is not that one way to fine industry, too? Mr. Thompson wants free trade so does the sugar trust—free trade with Cuba, and keeps a lobby at Washington to help bring that about. We are told the trusts exist because of the protective tariff, but they have trusts in free trade England as well as in high tariff United States, and over there, Mr. Chamberlain wants to put on tariff to check the formation of trusts.

Guess again, Mr. Thompson. The single tax is not an untried thing at all. In Northwest Territory it has been in operation for the last twelve years or more. Also in British Columbia, in some parts, at least. In the city of Vancouver they adopted it about two years ago. It will also be remembered that in that city they had one of the most bitterly fought strikes in the province a short time ago. I have talked with several parties who have lived there since the tax was shifted, and their verdict is that the condition of the workers is not any better than before, undivided interest in all the natural resources of the country which the workers receive is the customary way and other means.

Oh, you babies! I hope that some of your readers will like to hear some more about this panacea called the single tax, which according to Mr. Thompson, is going to bring such untold blessings, lands they propose to tax the best and most fertile lands the most, and so on, down to the poor land on which a person could only make a bare living, and that would not be taxed at all.

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WILL trade 20-year 7 per cent Oregon Investment bonds for city lots or farm property free from encumbrance. W. C. Smith, 348 E. Stark street, Portland, Ore. 1-41*

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FOR RENT—Three or four furnished housekeeping rooms in private family; no children. Enquire at Herald office. 5-17

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FOR SALE—Dry slab wood, 16-inch, delivered to any part of the city. Ackley Bros. Phone 451. 15-17

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LOST—Black Jersey cow, from the Hanks ranch at Shippington. Suitable reward for information to W. P. Johnson, White Pelican hotel. 26-47
LOST—Small pocket book, between Sixth street and corner of Oak and Broad, containing about \$37.50. Finder return to Herald office. Reward.*

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

(Not Coal Lands)
Department of the Interior, United States Land Office at Lakeview, Oregon, November 11, 1911.
Notice is hereby given that Charles E. Worden, whose postoffice address is Klamath Falls, Oregon, did, on the 14th day of October, 1911, file in this office sworn statement and application, No. 91955, to purchase the S½ SW¼, Sec. 10, N½ NW¼, Sec. 15, Twp. 37 S., range 10 E., Willamette meridian, and the timber thereon, under the provisions of the act known as the act of June 3, 1878, and acts amendatory, known as the "Timber and Stone Law," at such value as might be fixed by appraisal, and that, pursuant to such application, the land and timber thereon have been appraised at a total of \$420, the timber estimated at \$40,000 board feet at \$1 per M., and the land at \$80; that said applicant will offer final proof in support of his application and sworn statement on the 19th day of January, 1912, before C. R. De Lap, county clerk of Klamath county, at Klamath Falls, Oregon.
Any person is at liberty to protest this purchase before entry, or initiate a contest at any time before patent issues, by filing a corroborated affidavit in this office, alleging facts

SUMMONS
In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Klamath.
M. St. Onenchain, plaintiff,
vs.
Economy-Crummey Company, a Corporation, Defendant.
To Economy-Crummey Company, Defendant Above Named.
In the name of the State of Oregon: You are hereby required to answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled action, on or before the 2d day of February, 1912, that being the day of the last publication of this summons, and the last day within which you are required to answer, as fixed by the order of publication of this summons.
If you fail to appear and answer, the plaintiff will take judgment against you for the sum specified in said complaint.
Said action is brought to recover the balance of \$1,958, due from you to plaintiff, for services rendered and labor performed in said state of Oregon, between the 1st day of February and the 30th day of November, of the year 1910, and plaintiff's costs and disbursements in such action.
That the defendant was, at the

commencement of this action, and now is, the owner of certain personal property, attached in Klamath county, Oregon, and described as follows to-wit:
4 standard gauge cars,
1 street sprinkler,
1 2-horse street or road roller.
That on the 9th day of December, 1911, and after the issuance of summons to be served on said defendant, at the instance of the plaintiff, the sheriff of said county duly attached said above described personal property and now holds the same in his possession, at Klamath Falls, Oregon, by virtue of said writ of attachment.
This summons is published once a week, for six successive weeks, in the Evening Herald, a daily newspaper of general circulation, printed and published in the city of Klamath Falls, Klamath county, Oregon, by order of Honorable Wm. B. Wagoner, judge of the county court of Klamath county, state of Oregon, and dated December 21, 1911, the first publication of this summons being made on the 22d day of December, 1911.
RYSONE & BARRIETT,
Att'ys for Plaintiff

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The Fulton Market has furnished the supplies for every big banquet given this winter in Klamath Falls. \$1200 worth was sold for banquets the past ten days. Bill was disappointed as everything was of the very choicest. You can depend on "Bill" always having the best that there is.

It may be winter here but that will not prevent you from securing for your table the choicest of the southern fresh fish and those thousands of things that put the finishing touch on and make the dinner most different. If you like to see people busy, just visit the Fulton Market, it will do you good. "Bill" wishes everyone a Happy and Prosperous New Year,

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