

place a special tax upon the business is robbery. If they have not then the business should be prohibited. It seems reasonable that men should do as they please with their own property and any reform that involves a denial of property rights can not be permanent. It is likely that the cure for most of the great evils of the present day will be found in more liberty and not in restriction.

The feasibility of substituting a single legislative body instead of the present dual legislature is being discussed in Dakota. It is to be hoped that the new state will have originality enough to try the experiment. In the past, new states have blindly copied the English form without stopping to inquire whether it was best or not. The idea of a two house legislative body has its beginning in the idea of a privileged aristocracy who hold themselves apart from and superior to the common herd. The prevailing idea is that the present form prevents hasty and ill-considered legislation. The belief has no foundation in facts. With only one house the voters could keep track of their representatives with less than half the effort now required. The mass of the people know nothing of the acts of their representatives save upon exceptional questions. This added responsibility will prevent the passage of any measure without thorough consideration. If Dakota decides to adopt the one-house legislature she will have the honor of leading a true reform, besides reaping many immediate benefits, both political and financial.

Would commercial union with Canada be beneficial to the United States? This is answered by Erastus Wiman in the *North American Review* and by Senator Morrill in the *Forum*. They reach different conclusions but strangely enough ground them on the same facts. Canada is rich in natural resources. She has many things that Americans desire. Iron, coal, copper, salt, all these are there in inexhaustible quantities. Mr. Wiman is elated at the prospect. Let us congratulate ourselves on our meanness to these great storehouses of nature and let us remove all barriers that separate us from them. We may make them our own to all practical purposes if we but will. But now comes the senator and the clouds swoop down and the way becomes dark. If we have commercial union with Canada she will allow only a half of it to go into effect. She will sell us goods, but will buy none in return. This is equivalent to saying that she will accept no pay for her goods. Individual Americans do not object to getting something for nothing yet the senator thinks it would impoverish us all. How he must thank the Lord for holding Canada loyal to the mother country when the colonies struck out for themselves.

Thought on the land question is becoming more radical in England. This is shown by the position of the two parties. Some years ago the liberals were in favor of buying out the great estates and substituting peasant ownership. The conservatives opposed this scheme with all their might. Now the liberals are advocating a system of taxes on ground rents that is substantially the same as Henry George's single tax on land values, and the conservatives have taken up the purchase scheme. This, if it means any thing, means that the English are approaching a solution of the land question that will do away with landlords not in Ireland alone but in all Great Britain. The extent to which radical thought has permeated the masses is shown by the late election. The liberal districts were carried with increased majorities while the Tories lost seats that every one thought they were sure of. The liberals have even carried the city of

London. They have heretofore elected less than one sixth of its delegation in parliament. In the newly elected county council, that is to have control of London municipal affairs, they have a working majority that is pledged to the tax on ground rents, to public baths and laundries, and to government control of monopolies of gas, water and conveyance. The extent of this victory in the very stronghold of conservatism and snobbery has surprised the winners as well as the losers, and even the men who own that part of the earth are beginning to be alarmed.

STRAY PICK-UPS.

Toboggans are out of date at present.

Geo. O. Hearn is reported on the sick list.

Graham wrestled with the Sigma Chi goat last week.

Thurber's is the latest. In color Plumb's now has a rival.

A. H. Bigelow, '87, has been lobbying at the capitol during the past week.

How many will attend the State Oratorical Contest to be held at Crete, April 12?

The wind attained a velocity of sixty-five miles an hour Monday, February 4th.

French, '89, is becoming desperate. He fears that he will flunk in prep Latin.

Mr. McClouth, '90, of Hillsdale college, visited the Phi Delta Theta boys this week.

Beware of Peterson. He will tell you of the man whose hair turned white in a single night.

Walter wants to know what the other fellow meant by saying it was a fine day for the race.

The Juniors have now reached the oration period of their existence in the department of English.

When you want some photographs, interview the business manager and get an order at reduced rates.

Heffelman's olfactory paled when compelled to face a northwest wind fourteen degrees below zero.

T. E. Doubt, formerly of '92, is teaching at Sullivan school house, ten miles south west of Lincoln.

W. W. Robertson, '89, formerly exchange editor on THE HESPERIAN, is reporting for the *State Journal*.

Professor H. What is the cephalization of man? Mr. H. Why, man is the head of the animal kingdom.

The Mammoth University Cadet Band and the far-famed pie worshippers of the lab. will go to Crete, April 12.

"Can one be a thorough scholar and a christian" is the question now being discussed in German universities.

The solo in chapel Wednesday morning was appreciated but the gravity of the occasion would not permit an encore.

E. O. Lewis, '84, an early member of the Alpha chapter of the Phi Delta Theta fraternity, visited his alma mater this week.

We have noticed Baughman Wade in and French Brace up quite often of late. Their bashfulness is gradually disappearing.

George L. Campen leaves to go to Wyoming with a B. & M. engineering crew. "Bracky" smiling &c., &c., will be greatly &c., &c.

There is nothing that will arouse a student's ire so quickly, as to forget where he has hung his hat when a pretty co-ed is waiting for him. Why not have a check room?