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LIBERTY BUILDING GUARDS

Doing Valiant Work Notwithstanding the Cold and Stormy Weather.

Last week we announced to the readers of The Independent the desire on our part and the necessity for the construction of a permanent home for the publication of this paper. The plan which we have adopted to accomplish the undertaking is to sell "Liberty Building Postals" in blocks of five for \$3.00. Each postal is good for a year's subscription to The Independent to be sent to any address in the United States or Canada. What we ask of our friends and patrons is their co-operation in disposing of 2,000 of these building postals. We have made the price low to make it easy for them to dispose of the cards. When you ask your neighbor to buy one of these cards you are not asking him to contribute or donate anything. You are in reality offering to sell him a year's subscription to The Independent at 40 cents less than he could buy the subscription direct. We can afford to make this low rate for these cards in blocks of five for three reasons: First, we do not have to pay an agent's wages and traveling expenses to secure the subscriptions. All that expense, which is usually heavy, we avoid by this method. Second, we will use the money to build a home for The Independent and quit paying rent which now costs us \$65 per month. Third, we wished to make it easy for our friends to sell the cards. Those are the plain reasons why we are selling "Liberty Building Postals" in blocks of five at the low figure we offer. We have been as liberal in our offer as possible. It costs more money to publish a paper devoted to the defense of the plain people than to publish one advocating the cause of plutocracy. The

money power would gladly furnish material to fill all our columns free of charge if we would accept it. They would be liberal with their advertising patronage and generous to a fault; if we would indorse their legalized robberies. That's why plutocratic sheets are so thick. Shall we give you that kind of a paper? Never! We will print the truth and sell the paper as cheaply as we can. Invite your neighbor to try it for a year. Ask him to compare it with the hand-me-downs and ready made stuff furnished him by the organs of plutocracy.

Here is the roll of Liberty Guards and what they have done to date. Let us add your name to the list.

No. cards ordered.	
Wilfred Lebert, Archer, Neb.....	5
W. E. Freeman, Cushing, Neb.....	5
L. E. Hallstead, Petersburg, Neb..	5
S. Hunziker, Guide Rock, Neb.....	5
J. W. Bray, Table Rock, Neb.....	5
D. E. Burkey, Giltner, Neb.....	5
Lewis Reynolds, Union, Neb.....	5
J. F. Abbott, Unadilla, Neb.....	5
Mrs. Eliza Sowards, Ashland, Neb..	5
J. M. Babb, Clayton, Ill.....	5
Jas. O'Fallon, Mead, Neb.....	5
Wm. Scott, St. Paul, Neb.....	5
C. J. West, St. Paul, Neb.....	5
Joseph Wittwer, Salem, Neb.....	5
C. W. Duncan, Pilger, Neb.....	5
D. W. Haskins, Geneva, Neb.....	5
Lewis Frey, Fairmont, Neb.....	5
L. O. Leffingwell, Frankfort, Kas..	5
A. W. Cox, Bladen, Neb.....	10
B. A. Dean, Juniata, Neb.....	5
Michael Hoferer, Wamego, Kas....	5
J. Miner, Friend, Neb.....	5
L. Brickard, Wood River, Neb.....	5
Total.....	118

THE LIBERTY BUILDING

How the Readers of the Independent Respond to the Call to Make This Paper Safe

As soon as the subscribers began to receive the last edition of The Independent they began to write for "Liberty Postal Cards." Nebraska subscribers begin to receive their Independent Saturday. The first mail Monday morning brought numerous answers to the call. Among them were the following:

C. J. West, St. Paul, Neb.—Enclosed you will find \$3 for a block of Liberty Building Postals for which you may give credit to Mr. Wm. Scott. We will try and get up a few more. Mr. Scott says that is the best pack of cards in the United States.

L. M. Babb, Clayton, Ill.—Send me a block of your Liberty Postals.

Eliza Sowards, Ashland, Neb.—Send me five subscription cards.

W. E. Freeman, Cushing, Neb.—I wish to help in the Liberty Building plan. We need The Independent to champion populist principles. I remit four dollars \$1 for arrears and \$3 for a block of Liberty Building subscriptions.

Wilfred Lebert, Archer, Neb.—Please send me block of Liberty Building postals.

L. E. Hallstead, Petersburg, Neb.—Send me one of your blocks of five cards.

S. Hunziker, Guide Rock, Neb.—Send me a block of your Liberty Building subscription cards. I have worked for The Independent from its first issue and I have seen its brave advocacy of honest and true principles. It is second to none.

J. W. Bray, Table Rock, Neb.—Please send me five of your cards.

D. E. Burkey, Giltner, Neb.—I am pleased to see The Independent trying to get a home of its own, and I will for one accept its offer, but I have not sold my wheat yet which is all that I have to sell this year (that was the region of the drought.—Ed.) so if you will send me the five postals I will sell them and send you the money.

Lewis Reynolds, Union, Neb.—Send me five subscription postals. I would like them within two or three days.

J. F. Abbott, Unadilla, Neb.—Send me three of your subscription cards and I will send you \$3.00.

Louis Frey, Fairmont, Neb.—Send me five Liberty Building postal cards.

D. W. Haskins, Geneva, Neb.—Send me five of your liberty cards. I do not care to make anything on them, but I should like to see your paper read by more people.

C. W. Duncan, Pilger, Neb.—Find enclosed \$3 for Liberty Building subscription cards.

Joseph Wittwer, Salem, Neb.—My father is a reader of your paper. I noticed the offer in your paper. Please send me five cards; I think I can sell them right in this community.

L. O. Leffingwell, Frankfort, Kas.—Send me a block of five Liberty Building postals. I did not announce the fact that Gen-

how you can get up so good a paper for the price. I know of no paper that I would exchange The Independent for. I would be very glad to know that it will make every effort to get a few of my neighbors to subscribe.

A. W. Cox, Bladen, Neb.—You will find enclosed \$3.00 for five Liberty Building subscriptions and please send The Independent to the following persons. You may send me some more of your cards and I will sell them—at least I will make the attempt.

There is money in poultry. See advertisement of Sure Hatch Incubator on page 5.

Whose Land Is It?

Editor Philadelphia: On the outskirts of Philadelphia is a piece of land owned by the queen of Spain. The tract is large enough to be used as a truck farm and the queen's agents let it for this purpose. The tenant is a free born American citizen, enjoying all the rights that go with such citizenship. He works for a living and works just as hard and just as long as the average American farmer, and he gets the same wages, too, namely a hard living. When he produces fruit by his labor he exchanges in the market for money. Every month he takes some of this money to the queen's agent and pays the rent of the ground. The agent, in turn, buys a draft on London or Madrid and in this way the money finally gets into the queen's pocket.

Of course the result would be the same if, instead of first converting the produce into money he sent her the produce itself. Our exports would be increased still more, and the "balance of trade" would be heralded by every republican as being "favorable" to the tenant, even though as a matter of fact he gets back nothing in exchange. But that is another story.

So far this transaction differs in no essential particular from the thousands of others where tenants pay rent to landlords, and, like other cases, it becomes significant only when we ask ourselves what the queen of Spain has done to earn this money which her fellow citizen sends her for the great privilege of working and making a living in his native land. What does she give him in exchange for the money, things or services which he gives her? Did the queen make this land which she claims as her property and which the laws allow as such? If she did, then we must admit that her title is perfect. But the question is absurd as applied to land. We know that she did not; we know that the Creator saved her this trouble. But if her serene highness the queen did not make the land, does she protect her tenant in the full and free enjoyment of it? Or does she protect and stand guard over his life and property? No, the local, state and federal government do this and will even collect the rent for her on the tenant's side. A man may have a herd of horses

return for the services rendered her? Study this question as we may we can come to but one conclusion. There is but one answer to that question—nothing! Literally and absolutely, nothing! Her so-called right to this rent is simply a legal one; a lying device by which the cunning may continuously rob the credulous; a power to reap where she has not sown; a scheme for getting service without giving service; a time-honored ruse which enables the do-nothing to ride on the back of the worker.

In so far as the queen of Spain is supported by this man's labor she is a pauper dependent upon his bounty. But this is not all. Let us suppose that this same queen owned other tracts of land in the United States. I do not know whether she does or not, but other foreigners own land here and there's nothing in our laws or institutions to prevent her doing so. For all we know to the contrary she may now be the owner of such valuable land here in the United States that from the income derived from her tenants she can, if she chooses, rebuild the whole Spanish navy. Just think of the Spanish vessels destroyed by our navy having been built and paid for out of rent received from American workers! Think of these same Americans speaking of this land as their country and singing national anthems while they toil for the real owner! In the expressive language of the street, doesn't this jar you?

But to whom does this land rightfully belong? Who are justly entitled to its use and all the benefits that come from its use? The first question asked anyone suspected of having stolen property in his possession is, "Where did you get it?" Applying this question in the present instance, we find that the queen's title rests finally on a grant made by an English king to William Penn. Records don't go back any farther, nor is it necessary that they should, for we know where the king got the land. He took it. The title then rests on force. How valid is a title which rests on force? You are stronger than your neighbor; suppose you take his watch. Does the power you have to keep it give you a good title to it? Suppose you sell the watch to someone else. Is his title then any better than yours was? Or does such a title grow perfect by the time it is sold, and if so at what rate per annum?

Now, judged by the standard we apply to all other forms of property, or tried by the maxims of common law, it is plain that the queen of Spain has no right whatever in this land or to any of the benefits which come from its use. She should therefore be dispossessed and the land be put in possession of its rightful owners. The whole people always have been and always are. They are the ones who are robbed whenever land is made private property, and since all other titles to land rest on the same basis as the one we have just traced back, the verdict we have declared against the queen of Spain stands with equal force and justice against all landlords.

"Violence, fraud, the prerogative of force, the claims of superior cunning—these are the sources to which their titles may be traced. The original deeds were written with the sword rather than with the pen; not lawyers, but soldiers, were the conveyancers; blows were the current coin given in payment, and for seals blood was used in preference to wax."

That the earth was created for all men and that all men are equally entitled to its use becomes more than a mere inference when we consider the consequences of permitting land to be treated as private property. For if it be maintained that the earth rightfully belongs to landowners, then they alone are justly entitled to its use; all who are not landowners are trespassers, and exist only by sufferance, and may as equitably be expelled from the earth altogether. This conclusion is so monstrous that reason and conscience reject it. But mankind having gotten into the dilemma it is in now by recognizing land as private property, the question arises, What is the remedy?

There is but one. Men's equal rights to the Creator's bounty can be secured in but one way. Let landowners retain possession if they choose. Let them continue to speak of it as their land if they want to, but let us compel them to pay for the privilege thus accorded them. What is the privilege worth? Always the rental value of the land. This the people can take in the form of a tax, and with the amount so raised pay the expenses of government. This value belongs to the people because the land belongs to them. It arises as the need of government arises; it is due to the presence of an industrious population and not to anything which owners, as such, have done; it increases with population and decreases as population declines; it is the natural tax and the only one which the government can be justified in taking. It is known as the single tax, and when applied will, in the language of its eloquent expounder, Henry George, "raise wages, extirpate pauperism, abolish poverty, give remunerative employment to who ever wishes it, afford free scope to human powers, lessen crime, elevate morals and taste and intelligence, purify government and carry civilization to yet nobler heights."

If any reader of The Independent desires to know more about the single tax I will send him literature free on request.

(C. F. SHANDREW, Germantown, Pa.)

(The editor of The Independent would send for some of that literature himself if he thought he could find an answer to a few practical questions in it. He has read thousands of pages of it and never yet found an answer to them. First, if all the land in the United States is taxed to its full rental value, what will be the result? An innumerable millions of dollars that such a tax would produce? It is true that population gives most of the value to land. Land in an uninhabited country has no value. The coming of population gives it value. But it is population that gives value to everything else. A man may have a herd of horses

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New black suits in spring weights and Styles.

Embroideries, Muslin Underwear, Etc.

Opening Sale of Embroideries Feb. 8 to 15

We would call your attention to the opening of our magnificent line of 1902 embroideries, consisting of the latest novelties in white, cream and black edges; insertions, ribbon-beading, bands, appliques, galloons, motives, revers, Swiss Flounces in full sets, and 45-inch all-over embroidery.

Our Great Annual Sale of Ladies' and Children's Under Muslin will take place during the month and will be announced shortly. Wait for it.

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or a building full of plows, and if there are no inhabitants the horses and the plows will have no value. If it is morally right to tax out all the value that population gives to land, why not take by taxation the value that population gives to the horses and the plows? This question the editor has pressed time and again upon single taxers, who are most estimable and patriotic men, but never one yet attempted to make an answer.

The Queen of Spain must have bought that land of somebody and paid money or its equivalent for it. She personally did not take it by force. Nor did William Penn, if we can put any reliance in history. He bought it of the Indians. He recognized their first occupancy as giving them a title, just as all men recognize the title to an article found that has no owner, precisely upon the same logic, as far as the editor of The Independent has ever been able to make it out, as the single land tax.

It therefore follows that any income from investment should be taken by the government. There can be no escape from the conclusion that the logic employed to defend the taking of all value from land is sound. But that would be socialism, and if one class of citizens hate socialism worse than another it is the single taxers.

The Independent remains an open forum for the full and free discussion of any plan that any man honestly thinks is for the benefit of mankind. (Ed. Ind.)

Crowning Miss Roosevelt

A Washington dispatch says that society is deeply interested in the report that Miss Alice Roosevelt will attend the coronation of the King Edward. It is said that Miss Roosevelt will sail with Special Ambassador Reid and Mrs. Reid on June 5.

Here is the interesting program of the visit of Miss Roosevelt, according to some of her Washington friends: When Mr. and Mrs. Whitelaw Reid come to Washington next week the matter will be arranged in every detail. Her presentation at the first drawing room immediately following the coronation will be made by Ambassador and Mrs. Choate. The latter has been written to with regard not only to the presentation gown, but what is of even greater importance, for minute directions as to the coronation robe. This, in accordance with the court regulations, must be of a

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We are showing an exceedingly choice line of corded wash Silks in fancy stripes, suitable for waists, quality unequaled, for..... 50c

Colored satin striped grass Linen, 44 inches wide, at..... 85c

A full line of best quality velvet Corduroy, very popular now for waists, at..... \$1.10

GRANITEWARE SALE

This week we will begin a Special Sale of gray and white-lined Granite-ware—high grade ware at almost manufacturers' cost. Many articles can be bought during this sale for about ONE HALF OFF.

Cooking, pudding and milk pans, small cooking kettles, cups, pie plates, worth up to 25c, choice..... 10c

Coffee and tea pots, Berlin kettles, regular kettles, sauce pots, covered buckets, etc., worth up to 60c, choice..... 25c

Tea kettles, slightly damaged, only 50c and..... 25c

Dish pans, perfect grade, triple coated, all sizes, on account of being overstocked, at ONE-HALF OFF.

STATIONERY DEPT

Valentines.

NEW NOVELTIES IN VALENTINES, NEW LACE VALENTINES, NEW COMIC VALENTINES.

Our selection of these charming little remembrances is the best in the city. In larger and better display than ever before we are showing the most exquisite and appropriate of this season's refined souvenirs. Our line of comic valentines is the most complete in the city. The additions this year are numerous and fully up to the standard in richness and vigor. Everything we show in these goods are entirely new and of this season's purchase.

A FINE CATTLE RANCH

900 Tons of Hay, 3,000 Acres of Pasture & Flowing Wells

This is known as the Tyrrell Ranch, and is located fifteen miles south of Atkinson, Holt county, Neb. This ranch consists of 1,600 acres; 960 acres deeded land and mostly fine hay meadow, the balance, 640 acres, is a school section, the lease running for twenty-two years at less than half what the taxes would be on the same tract. There is some hay land on the school section, but it is mostly adapted to range, and this, with enough of the free range land adjoining to make 3,000 acres, is fenced with a substantial three-wire fence. A good six-room frame house, barn 35x80 with stanchions for twenty-eight cows, granary, shed room and good yards, pens and corrals. Three small pastures of 20, 30 and 120 acres, fenced with good four-wire fence and each containing a fine flowing well, which flows a 1 1/2 inch stream of the purest water and earth the year around. Ten acres good timber. Daily mail delivered at door. Postoffice, store and blacksmith shop on adjoining farm. There is no better ranch in Nebraska. Price \$16,000, \$6,000 down, the balance in ten annual payments at 6 per cent interest. Call upon or address, EDWIN S. EVES, O'Neill, Neb.

The American Emperor

The president of the United States Steel corporation has been going through Europe like a king at the head of an irresistible army of invasion. When he reached Vienna the Austrian papers published alarmist reports that all the principal steel works of the country were to be bought up and tied to the tentacles of the American octopus. Emperor Francis Joseph begged for an interview with Mr. Schwab—who is a young man, and not long ago was driving a country stage in Pennsylvania—and it was graciously accorded, but when later on he requested a second interview with the great man, it was denied. Mr. Schwab sending word down to the emperor that he had to hurry away on business. Evidently the natives were surprised that he should have condescended to

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In Domestic Department

An After-Inventory Blanket and Comfort Sale

We have divided our blankets and comforts into different lots each, and will close them out regardless of their value.

Blankets, Lot 1—All \$3.50 to \$5.00 blankets choice at,..... \$2.47 per pair.....

Blankets, Lot 2—All \$6.00 to \$8.00 blankets choice, per pair..... \$4.89

Blankets, lot 3—All \$8.50 to \$12.00 blankets choice, per pair, at..... \$6.90

Comforts, Lot 1—All \$1.65, \$1.75 and \$2.00 comforts, choice, each..... \$1.29

Comforts, Lot 2—All \$2.25, \$2.35 and \$2.65 comforts, choice, each..... \$1.83

Comforts, Lot 3—All \$2.75, \$3.00 and \$3.50 comforts, choice, each..... 2.29

Comforts, Lot 4—All \$5.00, \$6.00 and \$6.50 Comforts, choice, each..... 3.97

36-inch bleached muslin, extra heavy, would be cheap at 9c, at..... 7 1/2c

36-inch percale, short lengths, best quality, worth 15c, at..... 11c

32-inch percale, short lengths, best quality, worth 10c at..... 8 1/2c

Ginghams, short lengths, heavy cloth, apron checks, at..... 5c

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Was Millard's Work

Although Governor Savage is the man upon whom the bulk of the odium for the Bartley pardon falls, yet it is certain that other prominent republican politicians are as much to blame as he, and we would not be afraid to bet a hat that Senator Millard is one of them.—Callaway Courier.

Extensive Improvements

Extensive alterations are under way at Miller & Paine's store. These include the putting in of a new passenger elevator which with a stairway will afford easy access to the second floor basement.

The firm's new two-story building at the rear of their present location will be completed in late spring. It will be connected with the main building by a broad passage-way between the second floors, so that a customer can reach either store from the other without discomfort or exposure.

The new floor space being added will more than double the size of the present store and will give abundant room for the new departments. There will be carpets and rugs, books, stationery and pictures, ladies and children's shoes, and queensware. The carpets are already installed, books and stationery will be on sale in two weeks and the shoe and queensware