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SOCIAL VALUES

A Distinction that the Independent is Still Unable to See—Harbors Always Belong to the Whole People

Editor Independent: I notice that the editor repeats his question to single taxers as to social values. Permit me a word.

In my opinion the editor fails to discriminate between such values as attach to a thing which is the product of human toil and social values that attach to land.

The editor, I think, makes another error when he says that the goods in mercantile houses would become valueless in the event of the disappearance of the community.

Now I have never known a single taxer who was not also a greenbacker. The single taxer recognizes the importance of leaving the medium of exchange between banks and banks free.

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men to occupy these more valuable sites. Is it any more than justice that those who are dispossessed should have something to say as to the terms upon which the users of it may so use it?

If this value attaches to land as the result of the demand for it, is it not true that land values are in the centers of population? If so, would not a tax upon those values, instead of upon the products of toil, relieve the already overburdened agricultural classes of their present burden of taxation?

These questions might be extended indefinitely, but will suffice for the present with the single statement, for which I challenge contradiction, that since the majority of the American people are living in rented homes they are already paying the single tax, in addition to other taxes.

He Couldn't "Figger"

An old farmer writes a private letter to The Independent in which he says that he has been having trouble with a mullet head all on account of the fact that the said mullet head did not know the multiplication table.

That is twenty millions short of the amount the old man Vanderbilt owned when he died and he by some means accumulated it all in one lifetime. The farmer says that the mullet head having denied the accuracy of the figures he did not ask him by what means such an enormous amount of wealth came into one man's hands during one short lifetime.

The Rights of Man

Editor Independent: Being an ancient republican and abolitionist, I know and recollect the doctrine taught by us from '53 to '85. It was that the declaration pure and simple, "Free and equal" was the war cry, and we always closed our speech by saying: "The gates of hell should not prevail against it."

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How They Do It. The Plan of the Railroads to Take all the People Produce Save What Will Maintain Existence

One of the greatest obstacles in the way of getting a fair amount of taxes out of western railways is that they are capitalized for a much larger sum than they ought to be.

The local managers of the lines are forced to try to keep down their taxes. The roads are controlled by financiers who want to get dividends on invested stock as well as on cash interest.

Overcapitalization, however, demands that rates shall be maintained at the highest possible rate, so that an actual market value, based on earning capacity, shall be given to the masses of stocks and bonds based on the lines.

IS CANCER HEREDITARY? Dr. Byr, the Eminent Specialist, on the treatment of cancer, Kansas City, Mo., states that in his long years of extensive practice in the treatment of carcinoma has proven beyond a doubt that the disease is hereditary, having successfully treated as many as four or more members of one family suffering from the disease.

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The people thus are made to pay tribute, so far as it is possible to exact tribute from them, on the basis of inflated capital. At the same time, the managers of the roads, in response to Wall street pressure, seek to pay taxes only on the basis of the actual cost of building the lines.

Referees had been appointed by the court to hear the testimony and make report findings of fact and conclusions of law. Most of the testimony was in the form of depositions, and these referees, upon what The Independent considers exceedingly flimsy grounds, ruled out the state expert.

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THE USUAL FALSEHOODS

Associated Press Reports on the Nebraska Standard Oil Case Brought by Attorney-General Smyth

Nebraska's supreme court has disposed of the last case brought against the trusts of that state by the late democratic attorney general. The decision, as usual, was in favor of the trust—that the parties complained of were not members of a trust—Sioux Falls Press.

"As usual" the great news-gathering concerns manage to get the news so garbled that no correct conclusions can be drawn. They invariably manage to create an impression favorable to anything done by the republican party and unfavorable to any party opposed to it.

The wave of the "full dinner pail" submerged Nebraska, and a full complement of republican state officials were elected and the state "redeemed," excepting the supreme court. Mr. Smyth's successor was a partisan republican, a good pettifogger in justice court, but wholly incompetent—and worse—to represent the interests of the people of Nebraska.

Has Republican Sycophancy? The Conservative sycophant resents criticism. But it can not resignedly submit to being classed among the democratic periodicals of Nebraska. This journal owes no allegiance to the adulterated democracy of today in this state.

No Surprise. Many people in Lincoln have been surprised at the audacity of the city council of that place granting two blocks right of way in one of their principal paved streets to a railroad company to lay a switch track.