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A SENSIBLE PROPOSITION.

Labor Commissioner Guye's latest effusion is entitled to much more careful consideration than the average report from a department of the state. We are not informed as to Mr. Guye's stand upon the single tax idea, but certainly he is making about as good an argument for the single tax as he could possibly make were he directing all of his energies in that direction. Speaking of our present system of taxation he says:

"This system makes it more profitable for investors and speculators in land to retain their farms in idleness, depending upon the steady and ever-increasing price in land values, which is the direct result of the efforts of the men who we fine through our present system of taxation for so doing."

A bit involved, perhaps, but at the same time a fair presentation of the single tax idea. Mr. Guye says that every idle acre which is subject to cultivation is a wanton waste in both production and employment; that idle land and unemployed men go together; that these mean a lowering of our social, industrial and economic standard. Mr. Guye then offers the following:

"As a remedy for the above conditions in our stunted production, caused through the lack of cultivation of our untilled acreage, I propose a system of taxation, basing the valuation of farm lands upon the soil fertility, regardless as to whether or not it be cultivated or uncultivated, allowing a slight reduction for the improvements thereon.

"Such a system would reward the worthy farmers who are making Nebraska what she is and would go a long way in adding to our cultivated acreage, for the reason that it would become more profitable to improve the land than to allow it to remain in idleness. The final result would be that the state's agricultural output would be doubled, its commercial and manufacturing enterprises greatly increased, our population stimulated by increasing the opportunity for both capital employment, augmenting the state's treasury through the added taxable property by such an equitable system of each tillable acre bearing its just share of the burden of taxation, thereby lessening the load of the men who are now compelled to shoulder the entire burden."

Of course Mr. Guye is proposing nothing—he is merely proposing the tax, the taxation of land value. He makes his proposition when he speaks of improvements, for improvements would not be taxed. Any

tax on improvements is a tax on enterprise. The tax should be solely upon the value of the land for use and occupancy. An improved and well tilled farm should not be taxed any more than an equally fertile but untilled farm of equal area next to it.

This newspaper favors the convention suggested by Mr. Guye, not for the purpose of inaugurating any such thing as the "Nebraska idea of land taxation," for that idea is as old as land values, and was made famous through the ability and energy of Henry George. But it would be a splendid idea to hold the convention because it would afford an opportunity for students of taxation to make plain the land value tax plan, and as for the study of plans of colonization and sectional development nothing could be better.

But we congratulate Mr. Guye upon having given official sanction to the simplest, squarest and fairest method of taxation yet devised by man.

The editor of London Truth died the other day, leaving an estate of \$4,000,000. We never got four million plunks for telling the truth, but we've got several black eyes and many a sound whaling. Despite all this we still speak it occasionally.

We still insist that Henry W. Yates and S. H. Burnham ought to consent to debate the Aldrich plan for the edification of the people. When two such eminent financiers disagree on a financial plan what is to be expected of us common folk?

Bear in mind that on this date Will Maupin's Weekly proposed the plan of celebrating Nebraska's semi-centennial with a great exposition. When that exposition is pulled off we don't want somebody else snooping in and claiming credit for the idea.

Mr. Ross of Lexington is not so much to blame. Being a liveryman he seems to labor under the impression that this presidential primary is a broncho busting contest—an idea well grounded by the Roosevelt tactics.

As for us, we are willing to wade around in slush knee deep from now till the first of March. The more wetness the better for the next six weeks.

Senator Cummins of Iowa announces that he is a candidate for president. Teddy will have to come out yet in order to untangle the g. o. p skein.

The beef trust seems to have worked on the plan that it was all right to sequester the hides of the steers and tan the hides of the cattle raisers.

For a real genuine "get rich quick" plan, commend us to the express company plan. It's got any "blue sky" proposition skinned a mile.

Boosting home industry consists of something more than putting cards in your show windows and asking everybody else to do it.

The primaries are not until April 19. Plenty of time to test the candidates. The important thing now is to test the seed corn.

Dr. Rosewater is issuing a mighty plaintive cry for help.

THE LINCOLN BALL TEAM.

We are not concerned about the personal differences of the gentlemen who are litigating over the Lincoln ball club. Our interest is wholly in having Lincoln represented in the western circuit by a first class team, managed by a sportsman who is enterprising and square. We prefer Don Despain to any man yet mentioned, first because he is a good sport, second because he is a gentleman who demands gentlemanly actions from his players, and thirdly because he is enterprising. When Despain bought Unglaub every "fan" declared that he was all to the good as a manager because he spent money liberally to get good material. When Unglaub proved a poor manager and bad luck brought on financial loss, those same "fans" yelled "spendthrift" and "poor manager." If you get away with it you are a prince; if you fall down you are

Men of Nebraska

Two things are absolutely necessary to life—food and clothes. You must have good food to be physically healthy, good clothes to be financially prosperous. In these days of high cost of living it is well worth every man's while to stop and consider what this

January Sale

offers him in low cost of dress. No matter what your calling, be your income meagre or munificent, it is your duty to save every dollar you can. Every man in Nebraska can find Suits, Overcoats and Trousers here to his exact liking. Whatever you may select during this sale will be the best that is possible to sell at our regular prices.

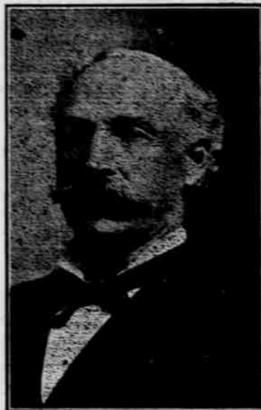
See below how Men's Suits and Overcoats are being sold.

Lot 1 At	Lot 2 At	Lot 3 At	Lot 4 At	Lot 5 At
\$7.85	11.85	14.85	18.85	22.85
This lot embraces Men's Suits and Overcoats that formerly sold at \$10.00, \$12.50 & \$13.50.	This lot embraces all Men's Suits & Overcoats that formerly sold at \$15.00, \$16.50 & \$18.00.	This lot embraces all Men's Suits & Overcoats that formerly sold at \$20.00 and \$22.50	This lot embraces all Men's Suits & Overcoats that formerly sold at \$25.00 and \$27.50	This lot embraces all Men's Suits & Overcoats that formerly sold at \$30.00, \$35.00 & \$40.00

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GOOD CLOTHES MERCHANTS

a dub and a failure. So what's the use.

Mr. Despain now declares that he has solved his financial difficulties, and we certainly hope he has. He has carried a big load, and he has been harassed on every hand without receiving the help that is his due from several quarters. When he was losing money hand over fist by reason of dwindling attendance and rainy dates, he smiled and took his medicine. He was never heard to whine. This paper likes that sort of a sport, and for that reason it is pulling for Despain as hard as it knows how.



WILLIAM H. THOMPSON.

Above is a good likeness of William H. Thompson, candidate for the democratic nomination for United States senator, and known as "The Little Giant." Mr. Thompson has been a militant democrat ever since the hills were holes in the ground, and on several occasions has led his party in campaigns that were sure losers from the start. But he never failed to respond when the party called, nor to give his best services when called. His ability is beyond question, and no man in Nebraska is more familiar with the state or with the wants and needs of its people.

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THERE ARE OTHERS.

In Adams county there are 360,960 acres, of which only 194,889 are planted in crops. Thus there are 166,071 acres of uncultivated land in this county. It would seem that some great opportunities are being overlooked in this vicinity.—Hastings Tribune.

GOOD WORK.

The St. Louis-Christian-Evangelist, published in the interests of the Disciples of Christ and their work, issues notice that it has discarded all forms of medical advertising. Always a splendid religious publication the St. Louis Christian-Evangelist now becomes well nigh perfect in its policy. The religious press, because it is the religious press, offered a fine field for the patent medicine fakirs and they were not slow to avail themselves thereof. Nor were the religious publications at all careful in admitting that class of advertising. This may have been due in large measure to the fact that general advertising is not attracted to such publications, and the publishers may have felt it necessary to get what they could without much regard to kind. Fortunately the St. Louis publication is now in a position to reject that sort of advertising. Through the generosity of one man, R. A. Long of Kansas City, it is put for-

ever beyond the necessity of wondering where the weekly pay roll is coming from.

SUGAR BEETS AT SCOTTSBLUFF.

E. T. Westervelt, editor of the Scottsbluff Republican, called at the state house recently. He came to Lincoln to attend a meeting of the Taft organization, of which he is a member. He was accompanied by F. F. Everett, a farmer living near Scottsbluff. Mr. Everett was one of the western delegates who went to Washington to testify before the sugar investigating committee in favor of the beet sugar industry.

"Al Bowen, formerly of Lincoln, now living at Scottsbluff," said Mr. Westervelt, "cleared \$5,000 on forty acres of sugar beets last year and he never had to get out of his automobile to do it. The factory paid \$5.25 a ton for beets last year and paid out a total of \$800,000 for beets alone. The average yield was thirteen and a half tons to the acre but many raised more than twenty tons to the acre. The plan of the Arbuckles and others to get the tariff taken off of sugar so they can get raw sugar free and refine it at a profit."

THE FAULT OF THE SERMONS.

A Lincoln evening newspaper declares that the move to have Sunday evening programs of music instead of sermons at the churches is a good thing, and goes on to say that a sermon does not appeal to some men, who have enough of controversy during the week. Well, that's all the fault of the sermon. If our good friends, the pastors—and they are all our friends—will cut out the controversy and give us a series of sermons based on the old Jerusalem gospel, we'll warrant that the men will begin drifting back. When we want a concert we'll go and hear people who are proficient enough in music to be worth an admission price. What we want is less of controversy and social ethics, and more of Jesus and Him crucified in our sermons.