

ment day, two weeks off. With the gold bullion on board, interest charges hour by hour figure up no small amount on the big consignment of gold.

The contest between the homesteaders acting under the law and the big cattlemen who are acting in direct violation of the law seems to increase in violence. Three men were murdered in Cheyenne county, Kansas, and those who perpetrated the deed, being threatened with a mob, the governor of Kansas ordered out the militia. All The Independent has to say is that the law ought to be enforced in regard to fencing of public land and is against good public policy the law ought to be changed. If the administration had given positive notice that the law would be enforced, no violence would have occurred.

When it comes to assessing corporations, republican boards of equalization are same everywhere. In Colorado the board has reduced the assessment of railroads and express companies over \$1,000,000. When the other taxpayers vote the republican ticket, that is what they vote for. They should not kick about it afterwards like Rosewater does.

W. E. Curtis is still booming Judge Parker of New York for the democratic nomination for president. As Curtis is one of the most partisan and prejudiced republicans in the United States, the reason of his activity for Judge Parker can be very easily surmised.

The colleges and universities all over the land are publishing their statistics, summing up the year's work and comparing it with the results of former years. The testimony of the authorities of all the universities is that for the last ten years the women students have shown a capacity for prosecuting the most advanced and difficult work of the universities, and that carefully prepared statistics show that the women have led the men in higher scholarship by 10 per cent. The presidents say that they do not think that the women have superior minds, but the women are more conscientious and diligent in their studies. College men give too much time to athletics and other things outside of their studies.

Every day there are announcements of more arrests and indictments of the postoffice thieves. It now appears that every division of the postoffice service is infected with thieves. The losses so far discovered amount to more than \$500,000. The thieving began with the reign of imperialism and has continued ever since.

The famine in the province of Kwan Si, China, is one of the most terrible ever known. The people are dying of starvation by the thousands. Some contributions have been sent from this country, the Christian Herald having sent \$10,000 and others who have learned of the awful suffering there smaller sums. The heavy taxes levied to meet the indemnity demanded by the rich Christian nations of the earth are responsible for part of the distress.

The explanation of the Russian chief of police of the recent massacre of Jews is a fine exhibition of Russian diplomatic writing. He charges the Jews with being the aggressors and winds up with this sentence: "The Russian peasants when driven to frenzy and excited by race and religious hatred, and under the influence of alcohol, being worse than the Americans who lynch negroes."

The Quakers of Pennsylvania are taking as firm a stand against child slavery as they did against negro slavery in the days when Wendell Phillips and Garrison were welcomed to their meeting houses. At a recent meeting Mrs. Florence Kelley, secretary of the National Consumers' league, declared that child labor conditions were worse in that state than in any other place in the world, not excepting Russia. She showed that in the state there are now 36,000 children between the ages of 13 and 16 employed at hard labor, a greater number than are employed in all the southern states put together. The republican government of the state of Pennsylvania makes that state one of the blackest spots on the map of the United States. Every bill introduced to abolish the slavery of the little children was killed by the republican members of the legislature. The worship of Mammon instead of the God of our fathers makes men devils.

The governor of Colorado has appointed a woman a colonel on his staff. The most fastidious cannot find serious objections to such an appointment. There are no duties demanded of the members of a governor's mili-

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tary staff which the most delicate woman cannot perform.

The case against the wholesale coal dealers and operators in Chicago has finally been settled. They formed a combination by which the amount of coal offered for sale was restricted and the price raised to extortionate figures, resulting, so the board of health of that city testifies, in the death of over 200 persons and incalculable suffering among many others. The only punishment is a permanent injunction forbidding them to do it again.

It is announced in the eastern dailies that Quay, the unspeakable Boss Quay, will be the next chairman of the republican national committee and that he will have the handling of a larger campaign fund than was ever before collected.

### Money and Taxes

(Written for The Independent in answer to the Henry George Edition.)

Editor Independent: In an article entitled "The Single Tax," written by Mr. Speed Mosby, which appeared in your Henry George Edition, Mr. Mosby says in part: "No man, severing himself from civilization and from all communication with the civilized world can go into the heart of a wilderness and add one jot or tittle to the value of the land he finds there. All the improvements he may make can add nothing to the value of the land. . . . Let other men come in and build cities and lay out farms around him, and the value of the land will leap from naught into the thousands."

Mr. Mosby's argument is well presented, but if those men who followed the first man into the wilderness, came without money they would not increase the value of the first man's farm one dollar, whether one man came to live near him or ten thousand men built a city adjoining his farm, unless some or all of them brought some money with them.

In case they brought some money with them, the value measured in dollars per acre or front foot would be

governed by the average number of dollars each new comer brought with him. Or the number of dollars per capita manufactured by the government they created.

A value created by the community is always regulated by the amount of money in the possession of each individual forming that community. Which brings the whole matter round to the money question.

The question of ability to pay taxes would still depend on the amount of taxes, in dollars, and the number of hours a person was compelled to labor to get possession of a dollar with which to pay those taxes. The ability to deprive the laborer of the fruits of his labor comes from having possession of the dollar with which he must pay his taxes; whether the tax is levied by the government, the money-lender or the trust manufacturer makes no difference. The application of the single tax might lighten the burden of taxation now resting on the laborer and producer, but their condition will never be what it should be until our government issues all our money and controls the volume thereof. GEO. B. POLT.

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(Mr. Bolt's idea is in the main correct, yet he confuses "money" with "coin"—or coined money; and confuses "value" with "price." As Captain Ashby shows, "money" is a device for expressing or naming or saying a given quantity of "value," or, more accurately, a given quantity of the force of demand; the word or term chosen as the unit, together with the numerals, constitutes "money" of the government choosing it. But such acts are not done for mere pastime. Necessity compels them. And no system of taxation can be devised, permitting even an approach to equity, whether the taxes be paid "in kind" or otherwise, without the adoption of a device, a name or term for expressing quantity or intensity of the force of demand. "Money" may be coined, but "coin" is not a necessity where taxes are paid "in kind.")

Mr. Mosby was correct. Given a thousand persons on an island isolated from all the rest of the world,

not one of them with a "coin" in his possession, and the force of demand will arise as soon as some semblance of order is restored, men are prohibited from using violence in securing possession of articles of utility in the adverse possession of another and they begin to employ peaceable means of obtaining possession of these articles of utility by exchanging. Exchange can go on without any word or term to express quantity of the force of demand—at least to a limited extent; but the taxing power cannot be exercised equitably without that word.

Mr. Bolt places too much stress upon the per capita amount of coined money in a given locality. Much depends upon its velocity. Upon this point he would do well to read Alexander Del Mar's "Science of Money." And in the main he has the right idea: That so long as government compels the taxpayer to procure a certain thing which is exclusively endowed with power to cancel a tax levy—coined money—just so long will the money question be paramount.—Associate Editor.)

### Mr. Edmisten in Lincoln

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