

SINGLE TAX COLUMN.

TAXATION PROBLEMS.

Information on a Great Question of the Day—The Means of Social Reform.

In the Glasgow city council are twenty-one men who want to tax land...

On the 1st of March I proposed in council to tax all land within the city upon its full selling value...

On the 18th of May the same question was before the same men. This time I permitted a compromise.

On July 20th I moved that to lighten the rates upon labor and capital, power should be sought from a plant to appropriate by rating...

On the 7th of June my motion to show the example of the London city council in obtaining powers to increase values of land in the city...

On the 14th of August I moved that the rates upon labor and capital, power should be sought from a plant to appropriate by rating...

On the 21st of September I had a two-man biography of Councillor Ferguson in which it said:

"He represents the fourth ward, which is the only one in the city that has three members that are ardent tax-payers, all three being disciples of Henry George, and members of the executive of the Scottish land restoration union."

It does with: "In the council chamber he is a man that must be reckoned with, for most of the wards of the city he undoubtedly make his influence at election times, a fact some of the heads will find ever November after, if all the talk in certain circles of the city means anything."

A "RED VAN" IN THE U.S. Following the successful example of the restoration league of England, Illinois single taxers have sent out "red vans" in charge of Mr. E. J. Hawkins, who travels in it through rural districts delivering addresses and distributing literature. The single taxer thus describes it:

"Single-tax will squeeze the water out of watered stocks. Under single-tax one acre worth \$10,000,000 in 1890 will be taxed as much as 10,000 acres of \$50 farm land. Single-tax will catch bond holders."

"Single-tax means work for all, higher wages and happy homes. Farmers now pay 60 per cent. of all taxes, under single-tax will pay 10 per cent. It is more profitable to own the land than has to live on, than to own the land."

the last census reports. The rapidity with which American agriculture has been passing into the grasp of land-lordism during the decade of the last census is shown most vividly. The following will serve as a sample: "From 1880 to 1890, with an increase in population of 25 per cent. and an increase in national wealth of 50 per cent., the number of farmers who own their farms has increased less than one per cent., while the number of farms worked by tenants has increased 49 per cent., and the incurred real estate mortgage indebtedness has increased 156 per cent."

Is not the same tendency at work in this Canada of ours? TOM JOHNSON'S SMILE. "My guess is that Tom Johnson will be returned to the next congress," said Capt. Bingham. "Tom is well known as a hustler, and he is about as good a campaigner as I know of. In his last race against Hodge, who was the Republican nominee, the latter said: 'I could beat Johnson easy enough, but I couldn't beat that smile.' Well, that smile does play an important part in his victories. It is an expansive, all-prevailing, magnetic, and lights up that full-moon face of his with a radiance that catches the voters right and left. It has been the making of Tom Johnson."—Washington Post.

KRACKOWIZER AND GEORGE. E.W. Krackowizer, Julia Marlowe's representative, is a reformer of single tax activities. He never misses the opportunity to make people "see the cat." He is a close personal friend of Henry George and says that George has nearly ready for the press a work dealing with the ground principles of political economy. It will cover land transportation and finance and kindred subjects. There can be no doubt but it will be a valuable addition to economic literature.

Capital vs. Labor. "Monarchy itself is sometimes hinted at as a possible refuge for the power of the people. In my present position I could scarcely be justified were I to omit raising a warning voice against the approach of returning despotism. It is not needed nor fitting here that a general argument should be made in favor of popular institutions, but there is one point with its connections, and so hackneyed as most others, to which I ask a brief attention. It is the effort to place capital on an equal footing with if not above labor in the structure of government. It is assumed that labor is available only in connection with capital; that nobody labors unless somebody else, owning capital somehow, by the use of it induces him to labor. Labor is prior to and independent of capital. Capital is only the fruit of labor and could not have existed if labor had not first existed. Labor is the superior of capital and deserves much the higher consideration. No men living are more worthy to be trusted than those who toil up from poverty, none less inclined to take or touch aught which they have not honestly earned. Let them beware of surrendering a power which they already possess, and which, if surrendered, will surely be used to close the door of advancement against such as they and to fix new disabilities and burdens upon them till all of liberty shall be lost.

Vice-president Wickes of the Pulman company deserves credit at all events for being perfectly frank in his testimony before the national labor commission. When chairman Wright asked him if it would not be a good plan to increase the wages of men in prosperous years, he demurred and said: "We go into the market for men just as we do for materials. It is all regulated by the law of supply and demand. We don't recognize the men as members of unions, but as individuals. If they are not able to plead their own case, it is no misfortune." The antique British myth that employers only are men and employes only things has seldom been put. Even the old English economists never uttered it with such native brutality. It implies, of course, that Mr. Wickes and those who think like him buy their men as they buy their iron, their coal, their lumber or the other things that they buy, according to the law of supply and demand. There is no trace whatever of the fundamental truth of human brotherhood and its obligations. Mr. Wickes is a century behind the sociological times. Men are not things they are brothers, with the same capacities and aspirations and rights to have those capacities exercised and those aspirations gratified.—New York Press.

The Nomination Evil. One far-reaching evil of the present electoral system is the way it limits the people's choice of men to represent them in Parliament and Legislature. The choosing of candidates is a most important part of representative government, because it is from the candidates that the representatives are to be selected; and if candidates are not freely chosen by the voters at

large, then the best men cannot be got and there is a fatal flaw at the very foundation of free government. Candidates are now chosen by conventions of party workers; and these conventions usually register the decisions of some small preliminary caucus. Candidates are not selected because of their representative ability and fitness, but for their mere campaign qualities. If some inferior man will make the best party fight, he is unhesitatingly preferred to a better man. Then to bring out a second candidate on the same side means a fatal party split, involving the loss of an election.

All this would be changed under Proportional Representation on the preferential plan. There would be the utmost freedom of nomination. The only restriction would be that a certain suitable number of electors must endorse a candidate in writing before he could be placed on the official ballot. Party splits would be rendered harmless, and would be merely a friendly contest to get the best man, involving no loss of representation.

To illustrate, take a grouped constituency returning seven members under the Hare-Spence system of proportional representation, and assume that the voting strength of the Conservative party was ample to return three out of the seven members. Suppose that the Conservatives could not agree on three candidates, and that five Conservative candidates went to the polls, what would be the result? Simply that three Conservatives would get in any how. The party representation would not be lessened by the increased number of candidates, and the Conservative voter would have the most valuable power of an effective choice between Conservative and Conservative. The same thing would be true of all other parties strong enough to be represented. The people would really have the power of nomination as well of election. Any student of political science knows what that means.

RAINILAIRIYONY. The Prime Minister of Madagascar, about whom there is much just now in the French papers, seems to be a very important person, for virtually he is the sovereign of the island. Ranavalona III, is, of course, Queen of Madagascar in name, but as by the law of the country, the prime minister must be her husband, the Premier Rainilairiomy is in point of fact king. He is about 65 years of age, while Queen Ranavalona is 33. She was married to him in 1893; but as Rainilairiomy has held the supreme power for over 30 years, he was the husband of Rasokerina and Ranavalona II, the present Queen's predecessors. Ranavalona III appears to be an accommodating lady, enjoying life in her own way. She might, however, be a little more respectful to her husband and Premier on the great annual festival, on which the Prime Minister gives an account in public of his stewardship to the people. Dr. Louis Cattat, who was present on one of these occasions, records that Queen Ranavalona sat enthroned in a large velvet-padded arm-chair, chewing tobacco, spitting, and looking very bored during the progress of the Premier's speech.

FACTS FOR FARMERS. Fruit in City Markets—Cottonseed Meal. The varieties of fruits and vegetables in the city markets are not always the best in quality, unless from near-by localities. Those from a distance are grown with more regard to their keeping and shipping qualities than for flavor and sweetness. The watermelons shipped from Georgia are of the Kolb's Gem variety, which bears transportation well. For home use the Georgians use a variety known as the Rattlesnake, which is of excellent quality and flavor, but cannot be sent a long journey to market.

Cottonseed meal is not only an excellent addition to the ration, but it is a fertilizer as well. It is better to use a proportion of lused meal with the cottonseed meal, as the two combined are better than cottonseed meal alone.

The most difficult matter is to teach farmers to raise their heifer calves. They can never expect to have healthy herds until they do so. If they buy their cows they may bring disease in the herd unknowingly. It may require two or three years to raise a heifer calf, which appears to be a loss of time, but if the calf is sired by a thoroughbred sire, of a choice breed, it will soon pay for itself and be a source of revenue for years. One good cow is worth two or three poor ones, and good ones can only be obtained by raising them or paying high prices for them.

A small greenhouse or hotbed will afford many luxuries in winter. In some sections tomatoes are printed in deep hotbeds, covered with glass in spring, the hotbeds being covered on the approach of cold weather. A few plants thus treated keep up a late supply.

Since the public tests made at Chicago, in butter production, with the selected cows of Guernseys, Jerseys and Shorthorns, the private tests have not given such enormous productions. The public tests demonstrated that there were limits beyond which cattle of the breeds named could not pass, and that the previous claims of enormous production could rightly be doubted as due to error or improper management. We no longer have claims of 30 and 40 pounds of butter produced in one week from those breeds.

WOMEN BILLIARDISTS.

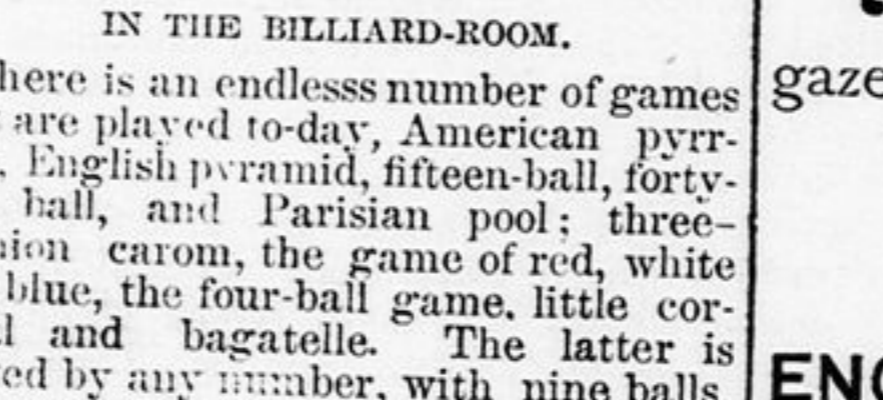
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To the young woman, naturally enthusiastic and exuberant, nothing presents a better way of getting a little fun and excitement than a game of billiards, with congenial friends.

Billiards and pool were never so popular as at present, particularly the latter game, and "pool parties," with delightful prizes for fine playing, will be one of the features of New York society this winter.

A cue, prettily inlaid and marked with the date of the entertainment, is one of the favorite prizes. Mrs. W. K. Vanderbilt gave a party to a few intimate friends last winter, at which both billiards and pool were played. The first prize was a cue which cost in the neighborhood of \$100. It was inlaid with mother-of-pearl in a very elaborate manner with several woods introduced, rosewood among others, and was tipped with ivory.

About the lowest price for a billiard table is \$200; a pool table with six pockets costs \$225, while a combination table, one which can be adjusted for both games, costs \$275. More elaborate ones are richly carved, the sides inlaid with different colored mosaics. For private houses a table 4x8 feet is used, requiring a room about 14x17 feet; the floor, if carpeted at all, should be covered with some thick, soft material. From 15 to 19 ounces is a fair weight for a cue, according to the balls now used.



There is an endless number of games that are played to-day, American pyramid, English pyramid, fifteen-ball, forty-one ball, and Parisian pool; three-cushion carom, the game of red, white and blue, the four-ball game, little corporal and bagatelle. The latter is played by any number, with nine balls, either singly or on sides.

As to costume, there is nothing which admits of greater possibilities than the billiard gown. Let the skirt be a full one, just clearing the ground, of soft crepe, or wool goods, even serge is used, but it does not fall in the graceful lines that crepon takes, an old rose, old blue, Nile green, any of these colors are charming provided they harmonize with the wearer's complexion.

The bodice may be of the same material or of soft silk in a contrasting color and elbow sleeves are admissible. It is not the occasion for a display of jewels and the hair should be arranged simply.

A pretty costume worn by a belle at a pool party given recently at a Newport cottage, was made with a skirt of black accordion-pleated chiffon, a bodice of the same over cornflower blue silk, with a crush collar and belt of the silk and a bit of jet trimming.

Among devotees of the game no one is more enthusiastic than Patti and she spent more money in furnishing her billiard parlor at Craig-y-Nos, Wales, than upon any other room. The room is palatial in size and as its proprietor is a room of the sort, there is very little furniture, although it is superbly upholstered in crimson damask, with soft Persian rugs on the floor.

When Patti comes to New York one of the first 603 orders she sends out is for a billiard table to be sent to her hotel. After she has sung in opera and has returned to her room, no matter how late the hour, she has a game of billiards with her husband, and often a professional player is invited. She believes perhaps with Sir Ashley Cooper, the English physician, that we should all sleep more soundly if we made it a rule to play billiards an hour or two each evening before going to bed.

Another fair devotee of the game, both billiards and pool, is the Duchess of Marlborough, formerly Mrs. Hamersley. She is very expert on long cushion follows and around the table shots, but is not much of a rail player. When living in New York she had a table in her house and played an hour or two every day. She played at the time before the war and any other society lady in town.

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