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DEVELOPING and  
PRINTING.  
The first essential change in government: Levy no taxes and collect the ground rent for public purposes.

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**NEW TOYS.** "Collective bargaining," "industrial democracy," "Six, eight or any old-hour day," "Cutthroat grocery stores run inside the plants of 1000% monopolies," "shop committees." It is wonderful how much noise can be made with these baby toys. There is at large, a herd of two-legged animals, who call themselves Sociologists, whatever that is, whose sole aim in life seems to be to fill the world with din and racket of the above-named tin rattles.

When supposed-to-be radicals talk about the "struggle between Capital and Labor" they are only playing the flutes for the phibes. That line of talk is sweet music to the ear of monopolists.

The person who thinks private property in land is right has two masters: His own ignorance and the land owner.

The Woodenheads who never could afford to give five cents to the Great Adventure Single Tax Campaign to free the land and reduce rent will naturally feel elated about paying their landlord from \$5.00 to \$10.00 a month additional this coming year. I am so sorry for them. Still, so long as the tenants persist in being phibic crazy to pay more rent there is really nothing to do about it. The tenants are so overwhelmingly in the majority that they can have anything they want.

A churchman says: "Even if many of the original titles to private land ownership were bad or doubtful, they have in most cases become valid in their present holders by reason of prescription (long, undisputed tenure) and other circumstances."

On such ground was human slavery defended. Many were born slaves. How dare Ireland aspire to freedom? Does not seven hundred years of rule give England title?

What a comfort "long, undisputed tenure" must give Satan. Deceiver since the world began, has he not an undisputed right to deceive? It can not be wrong for him to exercise his rights conferred by long tenure.

Some time ago Secretary of War Newton D. Baker announced that he was not a candidate for the Democratic nomination for President. A good friend asked me to comment on Mr. Baker's announcement and another friend wrote me an article on it for publication.

If Mr. Baker shows signs of having been ordered to again change his mind in regard to his candidacy I shall use my friend's contribution and have something to say about it myself. But now, since Mr. Baker makes the decision, not to be a candidate, unanimous, we shall forget him so far as possible, while we busy ourselves paying the penalty for having clothed him with power.

Anyhow, we have Palmer with us, and if there be any worse political nuisance running amuck at public expense, it has escaped my attention.

It was thrift week. I wrote this on January 20th, the third day of thrift week, to call special attention to that day's evidence of rich men's thrift.

In the daily papers of that day appeared an advertisement of the International Sporting Club. Its president is Anthony J. Drexl Biddle. Its vice presidents are—let me put their names prominently: Franklin K. Lane, Secretary of Interior,

General Coleman Du Pont, Admiral William S. Sims, Justice Barrow S. Weeks.

Then follows a long list of prominent American land-owners, generals and other fellows who get their feed at the public trough. Well, you ask, "What did they do for thrift in thrift week?" Which shows how little you know. Why, thrift is for the poor. That is their business exclusively. The broadcloth gentry who make up the International Sporting Club don't practice thrift, they don't have to. Here is the gospel truth if you want it. You must practice thrift so that they can be spendthrifts. And they control both your action and

thefts. You have nothing to say about it. If you dare, they will brand you a Bolshevik and put you in prison or deport you. They have that power because they control the land. If you could see it you would turn Single

**FOR SALE**—All kinds of household goods. Call 1012 Greenfield Ave.

**WANTED**—Woman to work by the day. Pay \$4.00 a day and meals; two days a week. Phone Hazel 519.

Taxer over night. But until you know where their power lies and act upon that knowledge the broadcloth sports will be the spendthrifts and you will of necessity practice thrift.

These broadclothers practice thrift by spending thousands of dollars not-trying their maneuvered friends throughout the country that they are building, in New York City, a swell place in which to have prize fights. Again you butt in and say, "Prize fights are not allowed in New York." For YOU they are not, you are in the thrift class. If you were in the spendthrift class—well, listen to the sports ad: "The present law permits professional boxing only in bona fide clubs in which admissions are not charged at their doors." You see how sleekly that leaves the poor man on the outside? If you have money enough to build a million dollar club house and a little fortune for membership, then you don't need to charge admission at the door, and presto! your prize fight is lawful. And they will have knockout fights, too, as in the language of spats and swallow-tails they say, to quote their ad again, "no decisionless bouts." They thrifted down \$750,000.00 on the site to hold the ring-side.

Now, is that not a perfectly good sermon on thrift? I notice that Palmer or some one is going to thrifitize poor people by using their old standby, the four minute men. Don't be rough on the four minute man. He does not know any better. He is in the thrift class just like you and I. Sure he is being used by and for the benefit of the spendthrifts, but he is just a peep. The spendthrifts pull him out of his hole to do these four minute stunts and when they are through with him they put him back in his hole.

So long as a few men and women own the earth I just can't get excited about who owns the railroads on the earth.

## Weekly Price List

Read this list carefully, prices revised each issue.

### PAY NO MORE

Store opens at 8, closes at 6  
Except Saturdays.

Aprons, Percale .....	50c to 75c
Aprons, Bungalow and house dress styles, up to .....	\$3.50
Baby Goods, Selfholoid Rattles, comb and brush sets, etc., Silk carriage straps, etc., Sweaters, coats, mitts, bibs and stockings.	
Barrettes .....	5c, 10c & 19c
Belts, patent leather, all sizes, 25c up.	
Boys' leather belts .....	25c
Bias seam binding, all sizes, 12-yard bolts .....	20c
Blouses, boys', high grade.....	\$1.35
Book straps .....	10c
Box papers .....	25c & 50c
Brassiers for trimming .....	50c up
Brushes, clothes .....	25c to \$1.00
Shoe brushes, 48c, varnish brushes, 10c up; tooth brushes.	
Buttons, all kinds, pearl and rubber.	
Camisoles, silk .....	\$2.50
Candles, household .....	.2 for 5c
Birthday candles, box of 24.....	8c
Birthday candle holders, each..	1c
Can openers .....	15c
Caps, boys'. Ladies' boudoir caps.	
Chemise .....	\$2.45
Combs, fancy dressing and pocket.	
Fine combs .....	15c to 35c
Cord for wrapping ball.....	15c
Corset covers .....	50c up
Corset lacers, linen, 5 yards.....	10c
Corset waists, all sizes for girls .	\$1.75
Cotton bats, 10-oz. ....	21c
Crape papers, all colors, roll.....	10c
Crochet threads, silkateen and O. N. T.	
Crochet hooks, "Boye" steel, 5 to 14 .....	10c
Celluloid "Diadem" .....	10c to 20c
Cuff buttons .....	25c up
Cups, paper, for picnics.....	5 for 5c
Curling Irons .....	15c up
Curtain rods, wood, and "Curvex" brass extension rods.	
Curtain Scrim, 36-in.....	63c and 38c
Darning Cotton .....	5c
Diaper cloth, birdseye, yard.....	35c
Dimities.	
Dress belting, yard.....	15c to 25c
Dress fasteners, "3-more," 15 for 10c	
Dress shields, the best made.....	45c
Dyes, "Diamond," 15c, Rit.....	10c

### SPECIAL!

TWO FOR THE PRICE OF ONE!

#### Girls' Muslin Union Suits

Well Made, with French Seams,  
of a good grade of Muslin

We have these in sizes—  
2, 4, 6, 12 and 14 years.

At today's prices these Union Suits are worth \$1.50 per suit, but we will close them out at

**\$1.25 per Suit or**

**TWO Suits for \$1.50**

Embroidery cotton, O. N. T., skein .....	9c
Embroidery silk, skein.....	9c
Embroidery hoops .....	15c
Envelopes, package of 25.....	10c
Face cloths .....	15c
Face cream, "Milkweed".....	50c
Face powder, Ingrams.....	25c & 50c
Garters, "Kewpie" for children, all sizes .....	35c
Men's single or double grip, 39c up	
Garter elastic, fresh from the mill, retains its elasticity until worn out, yard .....	10c to 15c
Gas globes .....	15c
Gas mantles .....	15c
Gloves, men's canvas .....	15c to 63c
Gingham.	
Hair bow fasteners .....	10c
Hair nets, all styles and shades.	
Hair pins, "Diadem" the best celluloid hair pin made, all shades and styles, per package.....	25c
Handkerchiefs, all kinds, loose or in boxes.	
Hosiery, all grades, women's, men's and children's.	
Inks, black, blue, green and red..	10c
Knitting needles, steel and celluloid.	
Lace, per yard.....	5c up
Long cloth, per yard .....	48c
Machine oil, "Boye" brand.....	15c
Machine belts, long, "Boye".....	33c
Memoranda, books.....	5c to 15c
Organdie, yard .....	85c
Overalls for boys.	
Paper napkins, bundle of 100.....	18c
Pants for boys, up to \$3.50 a pair.	
Peroxide, .....	15c
Petticoats, white.....	\$1.50 & \$2.00
Picnic plates.	
Pins, highest grade made, 160.....	5c
slightly longer, 300 .....	10c

#### Princess slips.

Receipt books ..... 5c & 10c |

Ribbons.

Rouge, Ingrams' ..... 50c |

Sad Iron handles ..... 15c |

Safety pins ..... 10c |

#### SCHOOL SUPPLIES—Complete line.

Shears and scissors..... 25c, 50c & 60c |

Shaving cream, Ingrams'..... 50c |

Sheets, Mohawk, 72x90..... \$3.00 |

Sheets, Mohawk, 81x90..... \$3.25 |

Shelf paper ..... 5c |

Shoe lacers, all sizes ..... 5c to 15c |

Silk thread.

Snap fasteners, "3-more" ..... 10c |

#### STATIONERY—Complete line.

Suspenders, men's and boys'.

Suiting, linen finish, in blue and green, 33½-in. .... 50c |

Table cloths, oval, 58x72..... \$1.98 |

Tacks, carpet, all sizes ..... 10c |

Talcum powders, Ingrams', Men-nen's and Jap Rose.

Tape, cotton, all sizes.

Tape measures ..... 10c |

Tissue paper, white, 24 sheets..... 15c |

Toilet paper, "Avelva", 2 rolls..... 25c |

"Arabia", 4 rolls ..... 29c |

Tooth picks ..... 5c |

Tooth paste, Ingrams' "Zodenta" .. 25c |

Towel, all linen, half bleach..... 40c |

Towel, large size, turkish ..... 28c |

Towels, large size, turkish ..... 65c |

Towel, medium size ..... 35c |

Towel, small size ..... 23c |

Undermuslins for women and children.

Underwear for women and children.

Underwear for infants.

Union Suits, "Sealpaix" for boys and girls.

Union Suits for boys, Gibbs' Knit with elastic belt.

Vaseline ..... 10c |

Veilings, yard ..... 55c |

Waxed Papers, 12x15, 20 sheets..... 5c |

Whisk brooms ..... 19c |

Window shades, 3x6 ..... 85c |

#### WHITE GOODS OF FINE QUALITY

Poplin, 36-in. .... 85c |

Flaxon, plain ..... 50c |

Flaxon, checked ..... 65c |

Swiss, small dots ..... 45c |

Organdie, mercerized, 38-in. .... 85c |

Pongee, 32-in. .... 75c |

Voile, mercerized ..... 85c |

## NOREN'S

Greenfield Ave., and Winterburn St.

It was peculiarly fitting that Mr. Franklin K. Lane should accept the chairmanship of the Salvation Army drive at the same time that he accepted employment with the oil interests that are exploiting Mexico. Monopolists who deprive the people of the use of the earth with its minerals, gas and oil, gold and silver, will naturally bless Lane for this thoughtfulness. When Greed Incorporated knows that their own kept charities will sometimes save their victims from dying in the gutter, the business of robbing is not quite so soul piercing to the robber.

If one "down and outer" gets a Salvation Army bunk for a nickel or for nothing, Greed Incorporated will feel that they have rendered full compensation for depriving the people of its timber supply.

Lane is a big man and his salary with the oil crowd is said to be \$50,000 a year. An army of God's children MUST be deprived of their share of oil to pay Lane's salary, let alone anything for the corporation that employs him. Lane knows that not only are these people deprived of their oil, but likewise of their timber, coal, gold, silver, iron ore, gas and the materials that would furnish them electricity for almost nothing, but also of land for farming, and city lots on which to build their homes. People so deprived are poor desperately poor. They are that because of a month to month and their food from meal to meal. And when they are worn out and can work no more and buy no more, then Greed Incorporated has no more use for them. Then the Bootlifters step in and in the name of charity make the victims' misery last a little longer.

If the Mexicans are as careless of their land and its resources as the people of this country have been, they will need a large crew of Bootlifters and the fact that Lane has not ignored its necessity shows he is a big man. Considering its source, perhaps Lane's compensation is not so large after all.

In his Jackson day speech Attorney General Palmer said he was for freedom of press, speech and assembly save for those who would preach or suggest violence. That was neatly put and let Palmer out, for he only practices violence. His chief distinction is to use a club on any one who has a vision too grand to enter a Standard Oiled head. Palmerized liberty consists of putting in jail or deporting any poor man or woman who dares to speak truth offensive to the despoilers of labor.

We are reminded by everybody of the great evil of a lying press. In a recent issue of The Nation Mr. Wm. Bross Lloyd advises us not to buy the lying sheets. I think that is good advice. You don't have to read their lies. We are told that the American press kept us in total darkness about

the true situation in Russia for the last two years. As a matter of fact it only kept those in darkness who wanted to be in darkness. I have known the true situation in Russia for the last two years. I have no private source of information. I got it all in the public print and anybody who can read English could have gotten it where I got it. I got my information from the Nation, The Liberator, Upton Sinclair's, and other weekly and monthly publications. It was not difficult to see that these papers printed the truth in so far as it was humanly possible to get it and print it under the Wilson-Burleson suppression.

So when people plead ignorance because the press lied to them I smile and set it down to the fact that they wanted to believe the lies and that the truth was offensive to them. There are indeed plenty of honest truthful papers. Literally hundreds of them, so when you hear complaints about the lying press, ask the complainant why he does not buy and read the papers known to be truthful. You will then likely discover that he does not like the truthful papers. You will likely find that he reads the lies because he likes the lies. The liars make pleasant reading for the most part, especially to those offended by truth. But don't let any liarlover put it over your eyes that he couldn't see the truth. The liars, about who war and Russia and other big issues has been accessible to all who wanted it.

Officials of tariff-fed and monopoly-fed steel business have so much money they can afford to become cut-throat competitors in the grocery business.

It is said there is honor in most professions even among the gentry who can not distinguish between what is yours and what is theirs. But evidently honor has not descended low enough to touch steel officials.

On the day I wrote this I paid an even dollar for some freight from New York. It came over the Pennsylvania Railroad. It takes 75,000 such shipments to pay Samuel Rea's salary. But let me put down a few more names and figures:

Samuel Rea, president, Pennsylvania R. R., salary, \$75,000.00.  
W. W. Attebury, vice president, Pennsylvania R. R., salary, \$40,000.00.  
J. J. Tunner, vice president, Pennsylvania R. R., salary, \$40,000.00.  
W. H. Myers, vice president Pennsylvania R. R., salary, \$35,200.00.  
Total for four officials, \$190,200.00.

Can you figure out what is wrong with our railroads when it takes One Hundred Ninety Thousand Two Hundred good sized freight shipments to pay the salary of four officials? The war is against the Plumb plan. It would be the end of their "plum."

These days the labor press is full

of news about the co-operative movement. Not so long ago Dr. James P. Warbasse, president of the Co-operative League, addressed the Hungry Club on the subject. He is a most engaging speaker.

Co-operators' enthusiasm rests largely upon the very slender thread that they can induce their members to work for less pay. Started thus badly they would of course deny the charge. Yet by reading their stories or listening to their speeches one finds that they think they eliminate profits by calling merchants co-operators, and salaries wages. Dr. Warbasse cited as singular to this movement, cases where managers of co-operative societies refused offers of larger salaries from competitive concerns, preferring to remain with the co-operators at comparatively small pay.

Such instances serve to show the source of the movement's inspiration. It is primarily religious, based upon faith. All religious organizations are crowded with men and women who serve their whole life for less money than they could get elsewhere.

The co-operative movement does not introduce any new principles. Saying that "it is organized for service instead of for profit" is just words and mouth wash.

Free trade on free land is the ultimate efficient and frictionless service. Co-operators can aim at this ultimate; beyond it they can not go.

Co-operators may discover how deadly to honest human intercourse are tariff profit and taxes. If they get to realize that fact their enthusiasm will not have been in vain, though they will have gone around the world to get home.

In the last issue of The Probe we inclosed a little pamphlet to be filled in and signed and returned to the Allied Board of Trade. DID YOU SIGN AND RETURN YOURS? It contained the only practical proposal for lower rents and lower taxes. If you did not sign and return that pamphlet you must WANT higher rent and higher taxes. Or perhaps you are like a Socialist I heard addressing a meeting recently: He said the workers had no interest about taxes since they did not pay any. Anyhow if you neglected to sign and return the pamphlet we can tell you where there is a strong, high stone wall suitable to butt your head against.

It is thought Attorney General Palmer gave immunity to the packers so that he could give all his time to prosecute railroad section hands and stockyard workers who dared to join a labor union.

It is a comforting thought to tenants, that all the money they did not contribute to the Single Taxers the landlord will take away from them.

## EVERYTHING BUT THE TRUTH.

Special to The Probe.

Washington, D. C., March 30.—It has been suggested to the American Publishers' Association that in order to conserve the paper supply no space be devoted hereafter to publication of deliberate falsehoods. The suggestion has met with no favor. "That would be carrying conservation to an unreasonable extreme," said the publisher of the New York daily with the largest circulation. "What are we to publish then?" asked the publisher of the world's biggest newspaper. "It looks to me like a clever bit of radical propaganda," remarked Washington's biggest proprietor. "I have always suspected Noren of being at heart a monopolist. His endorsement of this greedy suggestion proves it," said the editor of a weekly with 2,000,000 circulation. "Why not ask us to quit business at once," said the manager of the greatest news-gathering agency. "A single tax trick," was the terse comment most generally heard. "Rank treason," said Frank A. Duncey. "I don't want to be the only publisher left in St. Louis," said Reedy.

The suggestion was laid on the table by unanimous vote.

—S. D.

The Allegheny County Renters' League held a meeting in the Exposition hall some days ago. It was intended that it should be a mass meeting but only about 75 people attended. All the speakers but one vented their groches against the house owners but no one suggested a thought as to why people do not own their homes. None of the speakers offered any suggestion of how to get more houses. No one thought of pushing the Allied Board of Trade plan of reducing rent by removing taxes from buildings. One gentleman tried to explain that it was impossible to furnish houses at low rentals while the prices for building materials were skyrocketing but he was promptly squelched by others who wanted houses at low rentals regardless of building costs. If some one had offered a prize for the best plan to INCREASE house rent and for stopping building operations, all but one of the speakers would have been entitled to it. Until these renters acquire a little knowledge of political economy they will have to keep on paying high rents.

Mr. Ben J. Salmon was a young citizen of Denver, Colo. He was also a single taxer and is yet. He was also a Christian reared in the Roman Catholic faith. He is still a Christian. But he is no longer a citizen of Denver. He is a prisoner in the C. O. Barracks at Fort Douglas, Utah. Mr. Salmon could not violate his conscience and the teachings of the Christian religion at the bidding of Congress and the Administration. Evidently the Administration did not

think itself safe with even one Christian at large for they put Ben into the penitentiary. Of course Ben had not committed any crime. Indeed, the suspicion is that those who were guilty of crime put Ben into the penitentiary as it may, a division had to be made between Christians and non-Christians, and since there were only a few of the former and a great many of the latter, the powers that be jailed the few and let the many at large.

Mr. Salmon has written a book on the experiences of the modern martyrs. The sufferings endured by these Christians in the U. S. penitentiaries equals if it does not exceed the tortures inflicted upon the faithful in the early Christian era. Modern politicians in power are using means, to torture Christians, that are more cruel to the victims than being thrown to the lions or being burned at the stake.

Mr. Salmon's book is being sold to help support his family. He is a married man and could have got exemption had he accepted an un-Christian avenue of escape.

The book sells for 25 cents. I will see that you get a copy. Come in and spend a quarter. All above the cost of printing goes to Mr. Salmon's family. You contribute thousands to those who persecute the Christians. Can you afford a quarter to the defenders of the faith? Few have the courage to be Christians when hell is loose but most of us can afford a quarter for their defense and forward support of their families.

In the December number of the Searchlight Mr. Glenn E. Plumb presents "A New Industrial Program." In this new program he reads into the relations of all mankind. Incidentally he forgets ground rent.

That little item of a thousand million dollars that labor pays annually in the United States, Mr. Plumb overlooked in his excitement over railroad spikes. The Ostrich need not be ashamed of the use he makes of sand. Let him but turn around and see the big men that imitate him.

Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof, or abridging the freedom of speech or of the press, or the right of the people peaceably to assemble and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances."

The above is the first amendment to the United States Constitution. The Wilson Democratic administration killed it and the present Republican Congress is going to bury it in quicklime to make it sure dead.

We had two years of night and woke up chained.

We have received a few sets of the complete works of Henry George, including the Life of Henry George, by his son. The books are cloth bound,

ten volumes to the set. These books were published before the war to sell at that time for \$12.00 per set. The price today would be about 50 per cent higher. We are going to dispose of these sets to our friends in Greenfield at a price so low that we will not put it in print. If you are interested come in and see the books.

Maybe the English are afraid the Kaiser will teach the Dutch how to keep Holland.

## BRYAN.

President Wilson's wish that Bryan might be knocked into a cocked hat is still unfulfilled. Bryan and the Democratic party is a strange combination. At the present time neither one would amount to anything were it not for the other. Have him, as a lot of the Democratic politicians do, for his prohibition and other vagaries; they know to a man, that save for Bryan they haven't a chance for a continuation at the public trough.

Bryan is probably the only American politician who for long retained popular leadership yet was not corrupted by the monopoly interests. All who know Bryan concede that he is incorruptible. But so far as the monopoly interests are concerned, they long ago learned that Bryan never endangered their power.

Bryan's power can not be so readily explained as it can be seen. Most men have had moments when they felt like knocking Bryan into a cocked hat, but let at such a moment a plute or a plute organ attack Bryan and instinctively one wants to fly at the throat of Bryan's opponent. The common man trusts Bryan because he knows he has Bryan back of him. Bryan has all his followers in front of him. He never leads so much as an inch.

Bryan never rises above party politics. On that score his embracing prohibition was perfectly safe. It eliminated but few Democrats and brought a host of Republicans to him.

The burst of idealism of the Bryan of 1896 has completely vanished. That the present national administration is ruthlessly violating both the letter and the law of American independence moves him not at all. That the men and women who cherish and defend the ideal of the Declaration of Independence are thrown into American jails and treated as traitors is nothing to Bryan.

Stolidly has he stood by, and let the administration for which he is so largely responsible, Prussianize the United States.

If rents go up much more we will soon have heaven on earth, for the landlords will have so much money that they can silver plate the houses and pave the streets with gold. I don't say they will, but they will have the price.