

## PRESS OPINIONS

### Friends He Has Made.

Milwaukee (daily) Journal (ind. Rep.), Nov. 2.—The Tories are readjusting their opinion of Senator Cummins. A few days ago he was numbered among the "dangerous." He was a "ghost dancer," a "howling dervish," a "blatant demagogue" and several other things besides. In the wink of an eye he has become a sober-minded statesman, concerned only in his party's welfare and his country's good. The Racine Journal, Tory, concludes a violently appreciative review of Cummins' Chicago speech with the assurance that "the country at large will accept his as a type of open minded, square dealing partisans, and desirous of securing for his countrymen the best and highest type of effective and fair regulative legislation."

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### "Back to the Land" in Great Britain.

The (London) Morning Post (Tory), Oct. 3.—His Majesty's ministers, if they are to be judged at all by their published utterances, are rapidly advancing to that state of mind which has already been reached by the disciples of Mr. Henry George. Just as no one took the crudities of that particular view of finance seriously until Mr. Lloyd George went half-way towards taking them up at Limehouse and Newcastle, so the optimists of the moderate Liberal party are endeavoring to persuade themselves that Mr. Ure meant nothing in particular when he declared in favor of the Single Tax. For once in a way the Lord Advocate's views are likely to prove both accurate and prophetic. It would be insulting to pretend that His Majesty's Ministers really believe in the Single Tax theory, but that fact will not prevent them adopting that theory in practice under the pressure of a double necessity. They must find money to recoup them for their extravagances, and they must discover some cry to distract the attention of the people from the struggle between Cobdenism and Tariff Reform [tariff protection]. Until, then, their precarious grasp on power is finally loosened by the growing revolt of the millions of voters who have a direct or indirect interest in land, and whose views were put forward in Lord Onslow's speech at York last Saturday, Ministers will be pressed forward in the direction of the Single Tax. For if to advance on a policy of universal land expropriation is to court a resentment which must spell an eventual defeat, to hold back is to be overwhelmed immediately by the rush of the Tariff Reform wave. The Unionist Party is in this matter free of these alternative difficulties which have entangled its opponents. On the contrary, the policy of small ownership, while it will shatter the doctrines of land socialization to pieces, is part and parcel of the scheme of Tariff Reform. If the Single Tax is to be put forward as the salvation of Cobdenism, that tax will be defeated by the creation of a body of peasant proprietors.

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"I don't suppose there is anything gets out of date quicker than a woman's hat?"

"Unless it is a battleship."—Age-Herald.

## RELATED THINGS

### CONTRIBUTIONS AND REPRINT

### DIGNITY OF WORK.

For The Public.

I dignify work?

No! Work dignifies me.

For what am I? A nonentity

Until I have accomplished something

Or produced something of use.

The divineness of life works—

Works through me.

It is that which prompts me to work,

And to work in orderly fashion.

Work demands order,

For its issue is Truth Expressed.

EFFIE F. KINGSBURY.

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### AN ALLEGED INTERVIEW.

For The Public.

"It has been suggested, Colonel," said the Interviewer, "that if airships should come into general use, custom houses will become practically useless, and in order to prevent smuggling it will be necessary to roof the country in."\*

"Roof the country in!" said the Colonel, contemptuously. "The idea is absurd!"

"And what would be your plan for meeting the emergency?" asked the Interviewer.

"My plan?" said the Colonel, without the slightest hesitation. "Why, I should denounce the airships!"

"Bully!" said the Interviewer, who could not restrain his emotion.

W. E. M.

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### WHEN THE WOMEN'S TRADE UNION LEAGUE'S EDITOR WENT ON HER VACATION.

From the Union Labor Advocate for September.

"Say," a high pitched childish voice was heard saying at the further end of a crowded street car, "say, I hear that Miss Henry has gone away; I don't see how they can run the office with her gone and Miss Steghagen gone too."

"What's Miss Henry gone for?"

"Oh, she has gone on her vacation to sew."

"To sew! I didn't know she could sew. I thought she could only write."

"You bet she can sew and cook too. She can sew beautifully. I guess there ain't anything she can't do. I wonder if she ain't related to Patrick Henry."

\*See "The Balloons and the Tariff" in Public of November 4, page 1050.