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McClure's.

The unpopularity of Senator Bourne in Big Business circles in Oregon is lucidly explained in Burton J. Hendrick's article in the September McClure's on "How the Oregon Democracy Working Under the Direct Primary Has Destroyed the Political Machine." Governor West as well as Senator Bourne figures large in the article. It tells the whole story of that political revolution in Oregon which, through direct primaries and direct legislation safe-guarded from tricks by the Interests, has placed the people in power and abolished political machines.

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Tom L. Johnson in Hampton's.

The September installment of Tom L. Johnson's autobiography in Hampton's Magazine is as interesting as the other two and probably more useful than either at the present time. It tells the story of Johnson's contest with Mayor Pingree of Detroit, of his conversion to 3-cent fares by Pingree, and of his 3-cent fare fight in Cleveland. In this article Mayor Johnson discloses the full meaning of his low fare movement, and his words of advice are well worth heeding by the people of every city. "I believe," he advises, "in the municipal ownership of the public service monopolies because if you do not own them in time they will own you." Here we get the story, too, of how Detroit lost the chance that Johnson and Pingree tried to give her, of a complete municipally owned street car system worth \$25,000,000 for \$15,000,000; also the way in which New York was squeezed out of ownership of the Brooklyn Bridge line, because "the city had given away the rights to run everywhere except across the bridge." Dramatic enough is the scene described "to illustrate how Big Business deals with itself;" and the account of the first five years of the street car fight in Cleveland, with which the article closes, is valuable local history. The helpful part played in the Cleveland fight by Ben T. Cable, of Rock Island, Illinois, though it may surprise many of Tom L. Johnson's friends, will gratify them all.

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The French Singletax Review.

Too warm praise cannot be given to the simple, clear statements of economic doctrine, and to the brilliant analysis of the politico-economic problems of the world, furnished to La Revue de L'Impot Unique by its able editor, Georges Darien. Mr. Darien writes at present all departments of his Revue; but should he finally obtain the assistance of others, which would seem to be ultimately necessary for his own sake, the Revue under his editorial management cannot in any event fail to be a powerful instrument in reviving interest in the doctrines of the Physiocrats and in establishing land values taxation in France. The August issue, the second, opens with an editorial on the aim of the French League for the Single Tax, of which the Revue is the organ. The first statements fall into these simple sentences: "We affirm the right of all

human beings to existence. This right is a natural Right, and is not of human institution. 'Man,' says Quesnay, 'can no more constitute natural order than he can create himself.' This right to life necessarily includes a right to the use of the earth, as a dwelling assigned to the human species, and as an indispensable base for all labor. This right begins with birth and terminates with death." (3 rue de Furstenberg, Paris, France. Price of subscriptions outside of France, seventy cents.)

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