

In Boston, New York, San Francisco and other American centers of scientific, religious, and economic thought, Mr. Mills was long a familiar and respected character. Having made changeless principle, as distinguished from shifting expediency, the standard of all his thinking, he has contributed to the progressive impulses of his period.

Signs of Progress.

(St Paul (Minn.) *Globe*.)

The system of taxing personalty now in vogue is a scandal and a disgrace. It is a burden to the honest and thrifty poor; and it is a very hot-bed of perjury and fraud. The makeshift methods resorted to from time to time to work out some sort of solution of this deplorable state of things partake in themselves of the most undesirable characteristics of the evil aimed at.

(J. F. Cowern in Concord (N. H.) *Daily Patriot*.)

The firm of Miller & Lux, in California, owns 14,530,000 acres of land, nearly all of which is unimproved. It is equal to the area of New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Connecticut together, and but little smaller than Ireland. While our present system of private ownership in land exists putting a premium on the holding of land out of use, it is nothing to wonder at that millions of men and women seek in vain for a chance to earn a decent living.

(Daphne (Ala.) *Standard*.)

Dr. Shradly gives out the opinion that the number of suicides increases with advancing civilization. One wonders if this would be so were the civilization really what it purports to be.

(New York *World*.)

Gen. Frederick Grant states that while he was in foreign lands his baggage was never examined. This experience is not unusual, though at Continental frontiers the search of men's effects for tobacco and liquors is sometimes thorough. But in no other country is the traveller obliged to take oath to his purchases and then examined on the assumption that he is a perjurer; and in none would such robbery as is above described be inflicted upon a lady under the law.

Of course ours is in the main a civilized country; but the traveller, native or foreign, who enters its chief port is tempted to doubt it.

(St. Louis *Republic*.)

The perpetuation of the high protective tariff threatens now to precipitate trade war, waged against this country by a European alliance, which would be of infinite costliness to American trade. The high protective tariff now only further enriches American trusts. It taxes the American consumer for this sole purpose. It is time to abolish the high protective tariff.

(Cincinnati (Ohio) *Times-Star*.)

Taxation directed against any kind of productive enterprise inevitably reduces the profitableness of such investment and to that extent reduces the willingness of capitalists to invest in undertakings which are subject to or threatened with special taxation.

The inevitable result being that production is hampered and wages fall because of the diminished demand for labor. This may be said to sum up the whole matter so far as the taxation of tangible and intangible personalty is concerned.