

HASTE, MANANA.

(For the Review)

The Single Taxer is the "Hobo" of the political world. Begs for a place to make his political bed. Saws wood for a "Handout" and is told to keep still. Holds the offspring of political parties on his knees while under an overpowering impulse to throw the howling brat out of the window, and he "Polices camp" afterwards. If the barn catches fire he is cursed for carrying dangerous political matches into the hay loft. He is dogged off the premises, and is thankful when outlawed political dogs lick his sores. He acquires the servitude of the political menial. Clings to the gunnells amidst flying grit or rides on top in a gale of red hot cinders and sleeps in an ash pit to keep warm. Lucky if he escapes the political "Cops." Grows old, worn in body and mind. The somnambulist of a mighty dream. A soldier who will fight to the death for the vision he sees. His efforts fretted away by leaders who look for "The line of least resistance" until the army dies of old age. His weapons rotten and rusted, like Rip Van Winkle's old smooth-bore. Sinks into childhood with the truths he held dear, fading with the light of the dying day. He lives again in the days of early manhood and mumbles the economic falsehoods of his unconverted years. Napoleon said:

"There are no bad regiments, there are only bad colonels."

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"Human nature cannot be changed by statutory laws." Thus goes the old saying, which every editorial defender of things as they are is fond of quoting. But the abolition of a few statutory laws will give human nature a chance to develop. The law of the emancipation proclamation abolishing the statutory institution of slavery allowed the negro to go free. It did not change his nature, but it made a free man out of a chattel. The banishment of piracy from the high seas did not change the human nature of the seafaring folk, but it made sea travelling a good deal more safe and pleasant. The Single Tax would not change the nature of landlord, or rent payer, or wage earner, but it would substitute a system of equity for one that encourages dishonesty, unfairness and greed. It would allow human nature to be something nearer to what the Creator designed it to be. Men would be more honest, more generous, more considerate, because they *could be*, and not merely so imperfectly and partially honest, and deficiently generous and considerate as prevailing statutory laws compel them to be.



Correspondence from Germany reports the failure of a new tax imposed for several years past on department stores—a special tax on each department. As usual, the persons taxed did not pay it at all. This time it was the manufacturers, who paid the tax in order to introduce their goods in the department stores. So the small dealers who secured the imposition of the tax find that it is of really no benefit to them. Indeed, it is probably an indirect injury, since it is said that the manufacturers have used it as an argument for lower wages to their employes. Lower wages would mean decreased purchases from smaller dealers and department stores alike.