

PRESS OPINIONS

Minnesota's Good Example.

Christian Science Monitor (Boston) May 13.—By conserving its natural resources, preserving its gifts from the nation, husbanding its revenues and income from land sales and from timber and iron ore royalties, and by holding intact all accretions to the capital thus acquired and intended to be used in furtherance of educational and other public purposes, Minnesota has accumulated a trust fund amounting to \$30,221,418, a sum exceeding, it is held, that of the combined funds of similar character in twenty out of the twenty-five States east of the Mississippi river. . . . This is something to be justly proud of, and wherever there is opportunity for any state or any province in any country now laying the foundations of government and society to secure as patrimony for the schools large tracts of undeveloped territory, the example of Minnesota may well be potent. Take long rather than short views of the problem. Let the increment of value that follows growth of population come to the State and to the schools rather than to speculators in lands. If money is needed immediately derive it from leases and rentals and not from sales. If mineral wealth is discovered retain title but permit mining on a royalty basis. Thus may a State or province endow its own educational institutions, lessen the burden of direct taxation, and avoid repinings over waste of capital entrusted to it by the central government.



Pity the Poor Rich!

Daily News and Leader (London) May 8.—Mr. Pretyman once more lifted up his voice yesterday and wept over the sorrows of the unhappy rich, crushed under the weight of income tax, super-tax death duties, mineral duties and "the ridiculous system of land taxes." One answer to these lamentations Mr. Herbert Samuel supplied with commendable promptitude. The income chargeable to super-tax has increased by £8,000,000 in the last two years—from £141,000,000 to £149,000,000—so that in spite of Mr. Lloyd George's whips and scorpions and in spite of the "flight of capital" and the absence of Tariff "Reform," the rich, like the mass of their neighbors, are getting richer and richer with astonishing rapidity. Mr. Snowden is not exaggerating when he says that there are "hundreds of millions" which can be drawn upon in an emergency; and it is a fact obvious to the naked eye that the pleasures of the wealthy have not as yet been restricted in any degree by the taxation which moves their champions to such vehement outcries. Fashionable life was never more costly and extravagant than it is at present; and the real burden of taxation on the average working man is certainly equal to and probably greater than any which the ordinary wealthy person with all these much decried imposts upon him ever has to face.



The World Moves.

Cleveland Press, April 30.—At the Democratic

State convention in Columbus in 1894, Tom L. Johnson and John H. Clarke made speeches in favor of direct election of United States senators. Democratic "statesmen" and other ward heelers in the convention booed the speeches and called Johnson and Clarke crazy.

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SELF-MADE.

For The Public.

He had a half a million, so they find,
But I a doubt encounter of the tale,
For surely he would never spread his sail
Upon the Styx, and leave so much behind.

But what he was went nimbly on, for he
Had made himself, a self-made man, they say,
And that is what he took along the day
He launched upon the vast eternity.

"A self-made man," he carried quite enough
To prove a workmanship that was unique,—
His friends agreed that he was pretty sleek,
His enemies, that he was pretty tough.

Thus hard, and tough, and sleek, and slippery,
Grim on occasion, cruel as a curse,
His sole ambition for a swollen purse,
And not a thought for what he ought to be.

A self-made man! But in the making he
Unmade a thousand, so his dubious fame
Is resting like a blot upon his name,
And that is all the world will ever see.

Or here or there 'twere better he had known
A mighty law that we have lately learned,
That in the end we get what we have earned,
And only gather what our hands have sown.

Excepting this, that sowing to the wind
The sequence grows beyond a little span,
And, though it be a nation or a man,
We reap the whirlwind, as the world shall find.

A triple score of years he toiled amain
To make himself the thing he came to be;
But to unmake it what if he should see
Some other scores of penitence and pain?

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THE YOUNG MAN'S DREAM.

For The Public.

The Richest Young Man in the World had of late become interested in philanthropic, benevolent and social movements,—incidentally he had heard something of the economic movement. He knew there were lots of poor people in the city in which he lived, but he never asked himself what made them poor. He assumed that it was a part of a well ordered plan—the methods of God are