

service corporations and the real estate speculators run the town.

I have helped to secure the passage of two municipal direct legislation measures by different legislatures, and each time Jeff Davis has killed them by not signing them within the twenty days required by the constitution.

We are to vote at the coming election on an amendment to the constitution providing for the issuance of bonds by counties and municipalities for public improvements, such as roads, sewers and sidewalks. Organized labor and the socialists are opposing the measure. One member of the Central Trades Council made a good Single Tax argument against it, without knowing it, in which he said that it was the workers who paid all the taxes and the property owners only handled the funds passing them on to the collector. If the amendment passed and the bonds were issued, the workingmen would have to foot the bill, the long time interest only making the burden more oppressive.

The Democrat nominee for governor, George W. Donahey, favors direct legislation, also a Tax commission to reform the tax system of the State. Single Taxers should send him some tax reform literature. His address is Conway, Ark.

Tax reform has recently been an issue in Texas, Governor Campbell standing for the taxation of property at one hundred percent of its value, which seems a very innocent thing, but is of great importance in equalizing the burdens of taxation. The man with \$100,000 worth of property has generally the advantage in evading his share of the burden over the man who owns his home worth \$1,000. The former saves the taxes on \$50,000, and the latter on only \$500 when the assessment is but fifty per cent of its true value.

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AGREES WITH MR. BAGOT.

Editor *Single Tax Review*:

I think you have done right in publishing the letter of Mr. Bagot about the situation in Great Britain. There is certainly some truth in it. Not that I would be-

little the work of our friends in the League for the T. L. V. But I am under the impression that we have very little to hope from the ordinary course of politics; that we need other means to promote our cause. The passive resistance which Mr. Bagot suggests would be excellent to bring our philosophy to the understanding of the common people. The man in the street will readily learn about the Single Tax when he reads that the Single Taxers are refusing to pay their taxes. It would not matter what comment would be made upon our behaviour. If all the leading dailies of New York were daily to denounce Single Tax as robbery, we would soon be in a much better position than we are today.

In Belgium are appearing two journals in French that have the nationalisation of land included in their programme. The one is *Societe Nouvelle*, an ably conducted literary monthly, published at Mons, Belgium, 11 Rue Chisaire, and the other is the *Revue du Socialisme Rationnel*, published at Bruxelles, Belgium, 52 rue des Eburons. This journal is the organ of the Colinsien school of economic science and a little tedious.

The other day I had a visit from Mr. Farnam, Professor at Yale University, and had a very interesting talk with him. If a Single Taxer should come over to Switzerland I will be glad to see him.

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FOR A NEW TERMINOLOGY.

Editor *Single Tax Review*:

In "Protection or Free Trade," Mr. George says that much confusion and misapprehension comes from the loose or inappropriate use of economic terms, while Mr. Thomas G. Sherman in his work entitled, "Natural Taxation," says that it was "most unfortunate that Mr. George in speaking of the appropriation of ground rent for purposes of revenue and thus liberating land to the equal unrestricted use of all, made use of the word 'confiscate,' which of course would imply that ground rent or site value was rightfully