

Iowa Farmers Need Square Deal

THE McNary-Haugen bill is economically unsound. Of course. So is the protective tariff. Dr. Haugen who has traded in unsoundnesses all his life, contended that two injustices would result in justice to the farmers. The cure for the farmer's ills isn't going to be found in some magic system in which everybody can ride on somebody else's back, and everybody can pick somebody else's pocket. The cure is to be found in everybody standing on his own feet and everybody taking his hand out of everybody else's pocket. Under such an arrangement, the Iowa farmer, who farms the richest land that the sun shines on, who has the best machinery human mind has devised, and who uses the best farming methods on earth, will not need government aid, nor the sympathy of scheming politicians. What Iowa farmers need is not charity, but a square deal.

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Henry George

EVERY young person should take the time to read carefully and to study Henry George's "Progress and Poverty."

Tolstoy said: "People do not argue with the teaching of Henry George. They simply do not know it. Those who become acquainted with it cannot but agree. The teaching of George is irresistibly convincing in its simplicity and clearness."

Anything that is thus wholeheartedly recommended by such a man as Tolstoy at least deserves our passing notice.

Many learned professors scout with scorn any suggestion coming from Henry George. They consider him as a faddist and a fanatical enthusiast.

It is certain, however, that there is something wrong with our present system of taxation. It does not bear equally upon the whole population and, in many instances, it is oppressive and unjust. Those who are doing the most to promote the welfare of the country are most thoroughly fined for their activities.

Do not take what other people around you say. Think for yourself. Read Henry George. I do not hesitate to say that it is the most instructive book on political economics that I have ever read.

Henry George's books have had a circulation of more than six million in English alone, and have been translated into Chinese, Japanese, Russian, Finnish, Danish, Swedish, French, German, Spanish, Dutch, Hungarian and Italian.

We cannot resist the conviction that there must be something to writings that have been so thoroughly appreciated by the population of the world.

Newton D. Baker, former Secretary of War, said: "I have re-read this address and come away with the con-

viction that Henry George should be studied in all our colleges as a master of style. I know no other man of American prose, with the solitary exception of Woodrow Wilson, whose elevation of thought and dignity of language are so overwhelming."

Elbert Hubbard wrote: "The logic of Henry George's 'Progress and Poverty' and its literary style have been so insistent, that it has been studied closely by economists of note in every country on the globe. Its argument has never been answered."

—DR. FRANK CRANE.

Hon. George Fowlds Knighted

HON GEORGE FOWLDS, of New Zealand, has been knighted by the King and the Auckland papers have been full of accounts of his distinguished public services. The *Auckland Star* contains the fullest and most satisfactory summary. We quote:

"Sir George Fowlds has for many years been one of the best-known figures in the public life of New Zealand. Born at Fenwick, Ayrshire, in 1860, he worked on the farm of his father and at the loom, and left school at the age of 12. His father was Mr. Matthew Fowlds, a hand-loom weaver, who died as the result of an accident at the age of 101. Many people in New Zealand have heard of his interesting life and the hand-loom which he worked until the last year of his life may be seen at the Auckland Museum."

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"The Parliamentary career of Sir George Fowlds dates back to the year 1899, when he was elected as one of the three representatives of Auckland City. In 1902 he became the first member for Grey Lynn, a seat which he held until 1911. He joined the Ward Ministry in August, 1906, accepting the portfolio of Education and Public Health, and for five years ably administered these and other Departments of the State. A happy event in the life of Sir George was when in 1910 he returned to South Africa, not as a private citizen, but as the representative of the first Union Parliament. Sir George has the distinction of having been one of the ablest Ministers of Education in New Zealand."

We Fancy Mr. McGroarty Knows

ONE day while we were talking with the owner of a very large tract of land which he had surveyed into comparatively small units and had advertised for sale on the public market, a man came up to him and said he would like to have about five hundred acres of the land.

The owner said very well, he said, and do you want to pay cash down or do you want terms, or is it that you merely are asking for an option?

The visitor made a strange reply. He said you would want money to pay for an option on your land, wouldn't you? And the owner said yes, of course. Then the man