

gence and knowledge of conditions which it might well be wished were exhibited by American writers when dealing with British affairs.

HEARS THE BELL BUT DOES NOT SEE THE STEEPLE.

Gov. Glasscock, of West Virginia, is another public official who has seen the light. But the light is a little too strong for his vision as yet. He is advocating a production tax on natural gas. But in a statement recently issued he says:

"If the builders of this state had set apart an insignificant portion, only, of the mineral resources of the state, to be used for school purposes, that is, if they had provided for leasing the mineral lands and using the rentals for school purposes, an irreducible school fund could have been established, the interest from which would have furnished a large percentage of the money to conduct the schools of the state for generations to come.

"We are told that it is too late to do this; that the state can no longer set aside or reserve unto itself any portion or part of the mineral lands of the state. It is not too late, however, to adequately tax our mineral resources, and especially natural gas. Why would it not be advisable to levy a tax upon natural gas for school purposes only, the same to go into the irreducible school fund until the principal reached an amount sufficient to produce annually, in the way of interest, a large percentage of the necessary taxes needed for school purposes. If the taxes were utilized for this purpose future generations would realize some of the benefits of the mineral resources of the state with which the Creator has so bountifully blessed us, and from which to-day the state is receiving in taxes a mere bagatelle."

It seems not to have occurred to the governor that the advantages that could have been retained by the State by leasing these oil and mineral lands, can now be recovered by taxing them according to their value. A "production tax" is worse than inadequate as a remedy.

LATER CORRESPONDENCE.

OPPOSES INDEPENDENT POLITICAL ACTION.

EDITOR SINGLE TAX REVIEW:

For reasons which I set out at considerable length to the committee having the matter in charge, I am strongly opposed to the organization of a straight Single Tax party. To organize an Iowa branch of the party, for example, would be an absolute impossibility, and I fear you New Yorkers are letting your impatience get the better of your judgment. The tremendous strides which our faith has made in England have been accomplished by working within the lines of existing parties. Our work now is essentially missionary in its nature, and, in my judgment, we can make more converts by using molasses than by trying the vinegar remedy.

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FAVORS INDEPENDENT POLITICAL ACTION.

EDITOR SINGLE TAX REVIEW:

I am pleased to know that after thirty years of boosting the other fellows into office we have come to the conclusion that it is time to let go of our boot straps. I am reminded of Bill Nye's saying that after helping to boost the tariff for many years he found that he had to turn to the work of boosting the mortgage off his farm.

Politicians will promise you everything and give you nothing. The other fellow nominates and we help to elect them. That is the reason so many fellows fail to vote because politics is such a jumble and legislation such a farce.

We need a thorough general organization and a political party that will stand for years if necessary, and in cases where no party will adopt our platform or any part of it, run our own candidates. Just a practical working organization, not an office seeking machine. A sort of political club or big stick to keep the other fellows in line or get them out of the way.

But I think that we ought to include

other progressive ideas as well as the Single Tax. With such a platform we could get the support of other sincere reformers.

E. K. FLANAGAN.

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PERSONAL.

Rev. Herbert Bigelow will start on an extended lecture tour about Oct. 1st. Those who wish to make appointments for this most eloquent expounder of the cause, should communicate with Frederick H. Monroe, Palos Park, Ill.

A four column article by Mrs. Julia Goldzier appears in the Bayonne, (N. J.) *Daily Times* of July 5th and it gives her account of the dinner to Tom. L. Johnson at the Hotel Astor. It is a bright, agreeable piece of writing.

The third article by Edmund Quincy Norton on the Salisbury meat diet for the cure of tuberculosis, occupies eight pages in the July issue of *Physical Culture*, N. Y. City.

The Auckland (New Zealand) *Star* of June 3rd contains an article over two columns long, entitled "Mr. Fowlds at Grey Lynn," in which though taking issue with the Minister of Education on many points, nevertheless says that "he has no reason to be disappointed with the welcome received from his constituents. No doubt his well deserved personal popularity had something to do with this enthusiasm."

The *Truth Seeker* of July 9th, contains an article from the pen of one of the contributors to the *SINGLE TAX REVIEW*, James F. Morton, Jr., on the taxation of church property.

In re address of Hon. George Wallace before the Albany legislature, part of which is printed in last issue, John Bagot, editor of the Middletown (Eng.) *Guardian*, writes Mr. Wallace as follows:

"I am obliged to you for sending me your very interesting address on the proposed new Tax Law, as delivered before a committee of the Legislature. It is by far the best thing I have seen on the subject. You manage to impart a human feeling into a subject that is too often treated from a purely secular or material standpoint."

Senor Abendin, of San Fernando, Cadiz, Spain, whose articles in the Madrid *Herald* have attracted much attention, has circulated over a hundred copies of the works of Henry George in San Fernando.

David J. Lewis of Cumberland, Md., is another radical democrat and Single Taxer to announce his candidacy for congressional nomination.

Mr. F. Skirrow, secretary of the Yorkshire branch of the League for the Taxation of Land Values, will attend the Antwerp Free Trade Conference. Frederick Verinder will deliver the address on Free Trade in its Relation to the Taxation of Land Values.

The appointment of Otto Kempner as chief police magistrate for the boroughs of Brooklyn, Queens and Richmond of the city of New York by Mayor Gaynor calls to the mind of Single Taxers the fact that Mr. Kempner's vote in the N. Y. Legislature in 1894 was cast for Henry George as U. S. Senator, Mr. Kempner refusing to vote for the Tammany candidate. Mr. Kempner is the author of a Life of Richard Croker which Mr. George used as a text for several of the speeches which he made in the mayoralty campaign of 1897.

Joseph Fink is spending a week's vacation in Arden.

The *Union-Endicott News*, of Union, N. Y., a large weekly paper, bears the name of Charles Le Baron Goeller as editor. Mr. Le Goeller is a Single Taxer, and we wish his paper every success.