

SPEECH OF HENRY GEORGE, JR., AT  
MIDNIGHT OF ELECTION DAY,  
NOVEMBER 8, 1910, AT HENRY  
GEORGE, JR.'S, CAMPAIGN  
HEADQUARTERS.

(The reporting of this speech is an incident of interest. President Leubuscher, of the Manhattan Single Tax Club, who twenty-four years ago was present at the Colonnade Hotel (now razed) on the evening when the returns of the election showed Henry George beaten by Abram S. Hewitt, and who reported the impassioned speech of the great leader on that occasion, with his note book resting upon the broad back of a spectator, is the stenographer to whom we are indebted for this speech of the son of the Prophet. Mr. Leubuscher tells the *Review* that this scene of more than two decades ago flashed upon his mental vision when Henry George, Jr., began to speak, and hastily seizing a stub he transcribed Mr. George's words to paper. With the successful candidate's revision it is here presented to the readers of the *Review*.)

Friends and Fellow Workers:

"I have always welcomed every opportunity to fight against privilege, and take this election to mean that I am to have such an opportunity—a great opportunity.

"I am elected to Congress where for years I have wanted to go—wanted to go to struggle for equal rights and against privilege. Now my wish is to be gratified.

"We have accomplished the seemingly impossible by winning in an overwhelmingly Republican district. I have been elected by three kinds of voters—by Democrats, by Independence Leaguers and by many Republicans who have accepted or at least not objected to our radical ideas.

"If the returns at this hour are to be trusted, they show that a lot of Democrats cut me solely because I stood for radical ideas, but that far more Republicans supported me just because of those radical ideas.

"To me my election means a new thing in New York politics. We waged a radical fight. We did not flinch for one second. We admitted all they charged against us as to free trade and the Single Tax. We have shown that in this conservative part of Manhattan a radical can be elected to Congress.

"The great Democratic wave is a radical one; not a mere party movement. It

means that the spirits of Thomas Jefferson and of Abraham Lincoln are alive in this land from the Atlantic to the Pacific. We of the radical faith propose to be in the van in this movement, and yet I propose to be a practical radical in Congress. I intend to stand with those men who propose to take off this tariff wall layer by layer.

"I am very much moved, my friends, on this occasion. No man ever had such support as I had in this campaign. No man ever had collected around him a more loyal, able, brilliant and eloquent band of associates. If nothing else were to make me loyal to the cause, the devotion of these men who have done so much for me would.

"Yet it was not so much for me personally that they worked as for the cause. In my advance they make their advance and the advance of their cause. This is a movement that is going forward all over the world. Lloyd George is the man who leads in Great Britain; Katsura is the man who leads in far off Japan. We will try to lead here; but no matter who leads, if only he that does lead will lead sincerely and fearlessly, the cause will go on.

"Now that the fight is ended I find much joy in the fact that I entered into no personalities against my opponent Mr. Bennet, and that none of my many workers and speakers did, either. We steadfastly held to the discussion of economic topics.

"Gentlemen, I feel the responsibility of the position I now hold—a great responsibility. This district has given me the opportunity of doing something. It will expect me to accomplish something. I ask for your help—your support. I ask that there be no lowering of the high purpose we have tried to put into this campaign. We are now beginning a larger campaign. I pledge you that I shall fight with all my soul. Stand by me. And now, good night, and God bless you."

"The Story of Ownedland" which ran through the columns of *The Square Deal*, the Single Tax organ of Canada, has been printed in pamphlet form and is sold for ten cents. The true economic lesson is effectively told in story.