

tics, so long as nothing is to be gained thereby. And unless we know not only what we want, but how to go about to get it, and that so clearly as to embody the same in concrete legislation, it is difficult to see how we can benefit by organizing as a party.

To go over the same thought: I think as a body, we hardly recognize our present limitations. We forget that as yet we are pure idealists. Our ideal is the common ownership of land which ideal we propose to realize through the medium of taxation—and rightly so. But we often speak, and as often persuade ourselves, that the application of such taxation is a mere matter of a majority in the legislature. This, of course, is not so. For given that, and we would be at sea how to proceed.

The outcome must be, assuming a victory at the polls, that the Party could not "make good"—at least so far as Single Tax is in issue. So, as has been said of our friends the Socialists, the hour of our victory would be the hour of our defeat.

My conclusion is therefore that we are not ready for political action. The "psychological moment" for launching a Party, is when we can put forth a program. Then, certainly and by all means; but not till then.—HENRY BOOTHMAN, Libby, Montana.

BELIEVES THIS IS THE ONLY WAY TO GET
OUR VIEWS BEFORE THE PUBLIC.

EDITOR SINGLE TAX REVIEW:

Dear Sir:—After reading report of the Fels Fund Commission, and the article entitled, For Political Action, I will say that I believe, and have for a long time, felt the need of some action along lines which would bring Single Taxers more closely together and have a more complete organization than at present exists.

I know of no better way than that suggested in the call of Single Taxers in convention, to form a Single Tax political party.

I am satisfied in my own mind that there is no time like the present. I believe the people are more anxious today to know what the Single Tax really is, than ever before; this I think is due to the wide-

spread publicity given our cause in the recent general elections in England.

It is only through organized political action that we can get our views properly before the public; it is only through organized political action that the newspapers will be forced to more widely comment on it; it is only through organized political action that the curiosity of the people will be aroused, and that will stimulate thought.

The idea exists in very many peoples' minds, that, while once upon a time the Single Tax was a very live issue, it is now a dead one, so dead, that so far as this country is concerned, it cannot be brought back to life, and this belief is entertained by some who profess to believe in and accept the Single Tax.

I believe the failure of the Fel's Fund Commission to get a more ready response to its appeal for funds, is mainly due to the lack of thorough organization among the Single Taxers of the country.

I believe this is the reason why it is so hard to get subscribers for Single Tax publications.

This is why so many of our believers associate themselves with the socialist party, since they have lost faith in the democratic party as at present controlled and turn to the socialist party as the only haven of refuge, and this is not to be wondered at, since we had such a spectacle in the last tariff debate in congress, of democratic representatives falling over each other in their efforts to line up with the Aldrich-Cannon combine, like so many hogs, to get their share of tariff swill. Yes, by all means let us have a Single Tax political party, and thereby show the people that the Single Tax is not dead, but very much alive.—PETER VANDERWENDE, Bradford, Pa.

OPPOSES THE MOVEMENT, BUT SUGGESTS
A NAME.

EDITOR SINGLE TAX REVIEW:

The appeal in the March-April REVIEW to Single Taxers in favor of forming a Single Tax party and the invitation to a convention for that purpose, prompts this communication.

Although the appeal is to New York people, perhaps I may express my views on the proposition.

The many reasons specified in favor of the movement are in the abstract strong and convincing, but there are conditions to be considered that make me doubt the wisdom of the movement at the present time.

Considering the relations of the Single Tax to the other political parties in the field, and how we would affect them, I am not in favor of the movement.

Our principles were championed in England by the strong liberal party, but here we would oppose the two great parties which makes an immense difference in our case.

If candidates were run without a good prospect to win, they would help the reactionary party and prevent progressive policies in our favor.

If there were proportional representation the Single Tax party would be good, but with the plurality plan it is different.

I would suggest "The Equity Party" as a suitable name for the party which stands for the Single Tax.

Yours very truly,
JAMES D. McDADE,

Pittsburg, Pa.

ONCE OPPOSED TO IT, BUT NOW THINKS
THE TIME RIPE.

EDITOR SINGLE TAX REVIEW:

In the March-April number of the REVIEW I read with interest the proposal to organize a local Single Tax party in New York City. Hitherto, I have not favored such a step, but lapse of time, the march of events, and a long period of inactivity in Single Tax work, have served to modify my point of view.

There must be a multitude of men throughout the country who are utterly weary of the halting, time serving tactics of the democratic party and to whom the socialist party is unthinkable. The time has come for a radical political movement conducted on rational lines which should in time attract many independents from other parties who see no hope of progress within their own organizations.

The British liberals were unquestionably saved from a disastrous defeat only by going before the people with the land question and the voters responded with especially large majorities for those who placed themselves squarely on the Single Tax. Allowing for differences in the modes of thought and environment of the voters of the two countries, I cannot avoid the conclusion that the progressive American voter may be induced to make a like response. George's campaigns for the mayoralty can hardly have been wasted efforts, and it is probable that today a large number of men are ready to be influenced by the appeals then made to their intelligence and conscience. I believe that the remarkable majority which Gaynor received is largely due to the educational work then done.

In New York City the land situation is more nearly analogous to that of Great Britain than in any other American community. Because of my recognition of that similarity, I have, during the past fifteen years repeatedly declared that New York City should become the leading battle ground for our cause and would be among the first cities to endorse it. Hence, that locality seems to me to be the most suitable in which to inaugurate a straight out uncompromising fight.

Propaganda methods pursued in former years did their work as a preliminary, but the time seems to have arrived when we must furnish a practical answer to the query "What are you going to do about it?" Single Taxers must be aroused from the apparent apathy and indifference indicated by their inadequate response to the appeal for support of the *Public* and the *Fel's Funds*. There is nothing that will awake the dormant enthusiasm of former days like participation in active work and the field that lies before us is that of politics. There is no other route to our goal. The opportunity for which we have waited these many years now seems to lie in New York City. Not only are local economic conditions favorable, but with the disintegrating influences now operating in the Republican party, with Tammany shorn of its patronage and a Mayor who is in sympathy with the spirit