

COMMUNICATIONS.

KNEW EDWIN BURGESS.

Editor Single Tax Review:

I was a friend of Edwin Burgess from 1854 to 1869, although he was many years my senior. In 1859 and 1860 Mr. Burgess printed 11 articles upon the Single Tax question, and they are very interesting reading. These letters were published in pamphlet form in London, England, in 1871 or 1872, and a copy of this pamphlet is filed in the Gladstone Library in London. Mr. L. H. Berens is the man who ran the pamphlet down. Mr. Berens wrote Louis F. Post, of the Chicago *Public*, seeking information as to the authenticity of these letters, and Mr. Post corresponded with me in relation to the subject. The 11 articles were published in the Racine *Advocate* in 1859 and 1860, but the files of this paper were not complete. I have examined them and found 7 of the articles. I procured certified copies of these seven articles and forwarded them to Mr. Post. So this will establish the authenticity of the 11 articles in pamphlet form in the Gladstone Library. Mr. Post loaned the documents to Mr. Oliver Trowbridge, the author of *Bi-Socialism*, in April last, for his inspection, and I presume Mr. Trowbridge has returned them ere this.

H. RAYMOND.

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THINKS SINGLE TAXERS OUGHT TO
DISCUSS THE MONEY QUESTION.

Editor Single Tax Review:

Those Single Taxers who are sticklers for regularity and oppose the discussion of railway extortion and money monopoly, would do well to consider the effect upon land reform if land values were made a basis for an issue of currency, or if real estate should be accepted as collateral to secure loans of money by the government direct to the people, as some propose.

When the Single Tax is established there must be legal money unless the tax shall be paid in commodities, and so long as men have financial disputes to be settled

in the courts so long must there be a legal tender for adjustment of them. At present gold coin is the only full legal tender. Greenbacks and silver coin are legal tender except, etc. Bank notes are legal tender for payment of some taxes and in one or two other instances.

A change in our currency laws is imminent. The emergency law recently passed by Congress was designed only as a temporary measure. A commission was appointed to devise a permanent plan.

The issuing of money is a function of the national government and cannot be delegated to corporations or individuals without great injustice to all other citizens. The right of any one to issue his credit—personal notes and checks—is not limited, and those who have much wealth have an advantage over those with less.

T. H. STEELE.

Seneca, So. Dakota.

A CONCISE DEFINITION.

Editor Single Tax Review:

The Single Tax is *the* way to do exact justice between all human beings.

F. D. WILLIS.

St. Paul, Minn.

DULUTH'S QUESTION CLUB.

Editor Single Tax Review:

We have a Question Club that is in a very flourishing condition. We invite speakers from outside the Single Tax ranks. I am surprised at the development in the art of public speaking among our members. Among those who have addressed our club is the ex-mayor of this city, Mr. B. Cullom. Any Single Taxer who may be journeying this way will receive a warm welcome.

SAMUEL NIXON.

Duluth, Minn.

LAND SPECULATION IN ARKANSAS.

Editor Single Tax Review:

Little Rock is to-day the most land speculation ridden city in the Union, and fortunes are being made in betting on the future rise in land values. The public