

and should remain of free access. What would be the effect on wages in England? Common wages must soon increase to ten shillings a day."

This may seem like a claim of magic, but it is the truth. Opportunity raises wages, and abundant opportunity is all about us.

In a debate in *Everybody's Magazine*, Morris Hilquit, socialist, says:

"To the trusts belongs the credit of having perfected the most pernicious method of financial malpractice—the watering of stocks. In creating by THEIR MERE FIAT new income bearing securities, they impose a heavier tax on the people than the combined organs of government ever dared to exact."

Trusts possess no such power. As is usual with socialists, the cart is before the horse. The income must appear BEFORE the stock shows "water," and the excess income is the result of some legal monopoly. If "mere fiat" of a trust could create an income, why do different trusts yield such different incomes; why should not each share yield as high as six times normal interest, as does Standard Oil? Why did not "mere fiat" keep up the price of express stocks, after parcels post began? The price of such stock fell more than half, because the income was threatened; rates had to be reduced; the legal power to charge high rates was gone, and the "water" went likewise. Like the price of a title to land, watered stock is capitalized income, and nothing else.. Free the land, and such incomes will be further reduced by higher wages.—C. F. HUNT.

#### OUGHT SINGLE TAXERS TO UNITE POLITICALLY.

Single Taxers all know that theirs is the only all-embracing, the only really fundamental reform. They all know, too, that no political party is giving its attention to this fact. Everywhere they see this, that and the other puerile proposal to cure the ills of society, with the result only of diverting attention from the cause of the ills. "Boxt quotations" like this are sent out from the "boiler-plate" factories to the newspapers all over the country:

#### SOCIAL UNREST.

The condition of the industrial classes is distinctly better today than ever before. In Great Britain as a result of recent social legislation enacted to meet and to allay this unrest, there are 14,000,000 of workers who are insured by the government against unemployment and disability caused by accident or sickness. There are hundreds of thousands of aged men and women drawing pensions from the State, while 500,000 people every week receive medical relief for which the government pays the bill, and during the past year 250,000 mothers not only received free medical care in giving birth to their children, but in addition were granted a considerable cash bonus. Yet in the face of these facts the demands of the proletariat grow apace and employers are kept in constant dread of labor troubles.—REV. J. A. MCCALLUM, Philadelphia.

A result on one hand of all this sort of thing is apathy on the part of those that know the truth and, on the other, an amazing growth of the Socialist parties. This growth should teach us the value of political organization. The mass of the people know that some thing is wrong; and the Socialists being organized, are able easily to persuade them that they offer the solution. We know that the solution offered by the Socialists is not the true one; that it is impossible of accomplishment; and that if any part of it were accomplished, save that part of true Socialism we offer, the resulting collapse would be only the greater.

We know also that the disintegration of big business that is attempted by both the prominent political parties can effect no good.

On the other hand, we offer the true solution. The least step in the direction we point serves to prove that it is the right direction; and we can proceed step by step without any need to wait till we can secure control of the National Government, or even of all the parts of any government. And now we are offered the

means of joining our forces in a new political organization.

Is there any broader or any more coherent base for a political party than the Single Tax? Is there any good political desire of any consequence whatever that we can not show will follow naturally from the enactment of the Single Tax? Let all Single Taxers stand on the platform of the Land Value Tax Party. Join it. Enlist for justice.

"He who will hear, to him the claims of the battle call. How they call, and call, and call, till the heart swells that hears them! Strong soul and high endeavor, the world needs them NOW."

S. W. SIMPSON.

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#### HENRY GEORGE'S "POLICY."

"We know what we want and we know how to get it. Policy! We have nothing to do with policy. Our policy is the right."—Henry George in "God Wills It." (Anti-Pov. Soc. Address, 1887).

So spake the man who deliberately published "Protection or Free Trade" and alienated thereby half of his support and "destroyed his party."—BOLTON HALL.

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#### THE NEW YORK STATE SINGLE TAX LEAGUE.

It is an ambitious and far-reaching programme that the officers of the New York State Single Tax League outline in the circulars that have been sent broadcast throughout the State. The work suggested calls for an outlay of \$7,000 a year, with a paid organizer. It has been estimated that this sum will be required for the salary of the organizer, advertisement of meetings, hall-hire, and a systematic offering of prizes in schools and colleges. One member of the League has already pledged \$1,000 a year to this work.

The organizer will visit every point in the State where there are one or more Single Taxers. He will deliver lectures with lantern slides, and during the summer months where practicable he will engage a motor van for speakers. Ministers of

churches will be invited to take part, and asked to open their churches for economic discussions. Names will be taken of those who evince any sympathy with the work, and a thorough "follow-up" system instituted in the distribution of literature. Collegiate Single Tax Clubs will be formed, and this work has been assumed by Mary Boies Ely, of the Ely School, Greenwich, Conn. Prizes are now offered by the League for the best essays on the Philosophy of Henry George by pupils of the High School grade, girls or boys, enrolled during any part of the year 1914 in the schools of the State. The first prize is \$50, and there are fourteen prizes in all. Here is an opportunity for the bright young minds who are to determine the future of our country.

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#### A WARNING.

The unwary citizen is hereby warned against an organization calling itself "The New York Association for Improving the Condition of the Poor," which has recently published advertisements in the newspapers soliciting contributions to its work. The officers of this association are R. Fulton Cutting and Cornelius N. Bliss, well known names in New York. The first is a lady-like reformer of long standing, by which no reference is intended to the purely superficial personal traits of the gentleman, but only to the patchouli-like character of those reforms with which his name is identified.

It is the character of the organization against which the prospective contributor is to be warned. It is *not* "an Association for Improving the Condition of the Poor." Its officers do not want to do that; at all events, they know their methods will not do that. They propose merely to help a few of the poor whom they can reach; they are representing their clientele as far too numerous and inclusive and are thus soliciting your dimes under false pretenses. Some of them—Mr. Cutting himself, for example—are far too intelligent not to know that you cannot improve the condition of the poor save by improving conditions—and few of them want to do that