

special work, such as procuring expert reports by economists upon the various phases of the land question.

The stimulation of an International Convention at some time in the near future, chiefly for its advertising value, and the endeavor to maintain closer relations than have hitherto existed between the land value taxationists of the United States and the rest of the world, realizing the value that comes from such experiments as are now being made along our lines in foreign countries.

Among the persons invited to lend their aid and advice in carrying out the work to a successful issue are the following:

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FAIRHOPE CELEBRATES ITS 14TH ANNIVERSARY.

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The recent celebration at Fairhope of the 14th Anniversary of the founding of that colony on the shores of Mobile Bay was a great success in numbers and enthusiasm. Among those present from distant centres were H. F. Ring and J. J. Pastoriza, of Houston, Texas, Daniel Kiefer of Cincinnati, Joseph Fels, of Philadelphia and Dr. Florence Leigh Jones, of Brooklyn. Letters were read from prominent Single Taxers, and speeches were made. Messrs. Ring and Kiefer replied to the criticisms of the Fairhope plan.

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JUDSON GRESELL.

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(See *frontispiece*.)

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Judson Grenell, whose name is known to Single Taxers of two hemispheres, was born in New York City fifty odd years ago. He is the son of a Baptist minister, and was the youngest of thirteen children. He was educated in the common schools of this city and when but thirteen years of age started in to learn the printer's trade.

In 1870 he went to Detroit and in 1880 forsook the printer's case for a reporter's desk. In 1886 he was elected to the Michigan legislature on a combination ticket of Labor and Republican. When his term expired he resumed his newspaper work, becoming managing editor of a Sunday edition. In 1904 he toured Europe writing for a newspaper syndicate of sixteen weeklies, numbers of letters on labor conditions. He is now editorial writer on the *Detroit News*.

He was married way back in 1874, and attributes the fact that he owns a home of his own to the saving habits of his wife, who is a Connecticut girl, whom he met when he was working at a case in New Haven. He has two sons, one of whom followed his father's footsteps in the newspaper profession, but later became advance agent of a theatrical company; the other is a photo-engraver.

While working at the case Mr. Grenell became interested in Socialism, and was for some time an active member of the party; but reflection and the reading of Progress and Poverty made him a Single Taxer. His newspaper writings on labor conditions and allied questions a few years ago were gathered together and published in a volume under the title, "Economic Tangles."

The article from Mr. Grenell on our front page has been printed in pamphlet form and can be had in quantities. It appears here in the main unaltered. It is worthy of a wide circulation since it is the work of a close reasoner, a practised writer, and one who has long ago made sure of his economics.

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#### A CRUEL REPORT.

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Recent sensational newspaper reports regarding W. E. Brokaw and family of Pasadena, California, have pictured them in a starving condition and the children dying for want of food. These reports have been the occasion of great distress to Mr. and Mrs. Brokaw, and we are glad to say that they are grossly exaggerated. At no time was the family in the deplorable condition represented by the newspaper sensation mongers, though it has

been a hard struggle for our devoted friends to preach the truth as they see it and at the same time provide for the necessities of a growing family.

Regarding the illness of the children—that unfortunately remains true. All three were taken sick from some unknown cause, and one died just before Christmas. The other two are on the road to recovery.

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A friend well known to Single Taxers writes us that his son has just graduated from a famous college, and adds: "He appears to have got very little in the way of economics beyond what may be termed statistical gossip about the iniquities of the Trusts and Railroads, together with some superbly non-committal views to the effect that there is much to be said both for and against the Protective Idea. It seems a pity that young men should be turned out on the world that way, bearing the label 'a product of liberal education.'"

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An interesting incident connected with Mr. C. H. Ingersoll's vote for Henry George in 1886 is worth recording. Mr. Ingersoll, of Dollar Watch fame, is now the treasurer of the American Single Tax League.

He was then, for the sake of economy, sleeping in his place of business at 45 Fulton St., which naturally excited Tammany's suspicions, and he was challenged, swore in his vote, and was taken before Commissioner John I. Davenport in the Post Office Building, but fortune favored him in the presence of Davenport's brother, who was his Sunday School teacher in Plymouth Church, Brooklyn, and he was released.

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Andrew Hutton, of Schenectady, who has done such admirable work to popularize our principles in that city, recently addressed a local body of tax payers in which he pointed out that idle land in Schenectady is assessed less than fifty per cent. of its value, while all improved property is assessed over that. He made a plea for the full assessment as required by law.