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PUBLISHERS NOTES.

The REVIEW with the next issue will appear in a new face of type, and will contain the usual interesting table of contents. The feature of signed editorials from the pens of well known Single Taxers will be resumed and the Jefferson Dinner of the Manhattan Single Tax Club of this city will be adequately reported. We expect, too, to be able to give full reports of the Rhode Island and Oregon movements from correspondents actively engaged in the fight that is being carried on in those States. The work of the American Single Tax League will be detailed at length.

But again we must ask Single Taxers to help the REVIEW. It is necessary, if the REVIEW is to perform the work so urgently called for in acquainting the public, or that part of the public whose influence it is desirable to secure, as well as Single Taxers themselves with the progress that is being made, that our friends interest themselves in promoting its circulation. If you know of any Single Taxers in your city or town who are not yet subscribers to this organ, urge upon them the need of help. Do not wait for them to send in their subscriptions, but get them and forward them to us. In this way subscriptions may be more effectively secured. Many of our good friends with the best of intentions put the matter off

until it is forgotten. Wherever two or more Single Taxers meet this should be one of the things discussed.

The *Public*, we are glad to see, will continue publication. Its suspension would be a great loss to the cause of radical democracy, as well as to the many progressive movements it has so bravely and ably championed. But the *Public*, as Mr. Post points out in a recent issue, is not a Single Tax paper. It has its own field and THE SINGLE TAX REVIEW has its. But as Mr. Raymond Robins writes us in a recent communication, "the work of the REVIEW supplements that of the *Public*." The REVIEW is exclusively for those who are already Single Taxers or for those who want to know about the movement and its progress.

The list should also include those who *ought* to know—not only for their own sake but for ours. Newspapers, public men and libraries should have the REVIEW. In this connection comes a suggestion from that old friend of the cause, G. D. Linn, of Spokane, Washington, who suggests the raising of a fund to place the REVIEW in the hands of every member of Congress. He sends five dollars to start such a fund. Who will add to it?

FOR A GENERAL TOLSTOY DEMONSTRATION.

On the 28th of August next will occur the 80th anniversary of the birth of Count Leo Tolstoy. A few days later is Henry George's birthday. Single Taxers have been accustomed to commemorate the latter with public meetings in a number of cities, both here and in Great Britain.

The great Russian, whose slightest word is more potent than the thunder of the Czar's Cossacks, is the most eminent of those who stand for the truth as it is in Henry George. "Greatest of Americans" is the title by which he designates him.

Burdened with the weight of years and the cross which for the sake of the world's great need he has borne with sublime patience, the great teacher must soon lay down his work. It is fitting that ere he does so some general public manifestation of recognition be accorded him by those who accept the economic teachings of

Henry George. The value of such a demonstration will be a notice to the world of Tolstoy's fellowship with those who believe in the teachings of the Single Tax. It will be a testimonial of grateful thanks to the Prophet of Russia from the followers of the Prophet of San Francisco.

Let this demonstration take the form of a public address to Leo Tolstoy from the Single Taxers of America. Let such an address be prepared by the American Single Tax League through its Secretary, John J. Murphy, and let the names of as many as desire be appended to this address to be forwarded to the Count at his home in Ysnaia Poliana. Those who desire that this address bear their signatures will notify the REVIEW. Then let the Single Taxers of the great cities arrange for public meetings for some date between the 28th of August and 2nd of September, the dates respectively of the anniversary of the births of Leo Tolstoy and Henry George, at which those who are believers in or sympathetic with the doctrine of these teachers—men and women eminent in the world of literature or religion—shall take part.

Let this anniversary be appropriately and simultaneously observed throughout the length and breadth of the land. With hard work there is scarcely a city in America where a great demonstration may not be successfully organized. In the details which must be perfected locally and should begin at once, the REVIEW and the American Single Tax League will co-operate.

SHALL IT BE A PEACEFUL REVOLUTION?

"The privileged classes of mankind have no conscience on the subject of their privileges. History does not adduce one instance in which the nobility or even monopoly, entrenched in precedent and custom, has ever voluntarily made restitution to society of the rights of which she has been despoiled.

The iron jaws which close on the marrow bone of privilege never relax until they are broken."

"Ridpath's History of the World"—foot note, page 197.

James Ridpath ransacked antiquity and the history of all the ancient, middle and modern civilizations for his facts. He speaks with indisputable authority. Only

by right of forceful revolution have mankind heretofore been able to escape from the intolerable tyranny of government by the privileged classes of mankind.

Here is a *fact* with which reformers *have to deal*. And it is a discouraging fact.

Yet is there *now* no hope of peaceful revolution for modern society. This is unlike any previous age in the world's history. We are fortified by knowledge of the errors and crimes of history. We are very sensitive of present existing evil conditions and tendencies. Some of our people are full armed with the knowledge of a *peaceful* way of salvation. A great host of unprivileged victims of our existing system, suffering to the last point of endurance, are blindly searching for a *way of deliverance*. Their cry is, "how long? O Lord! how long?" The world of to-day, is a sensitive, pulsating, living thing. No such condition ever existed before. Progress is rushing on, with the speed of a comet nearing a glorious sun toward which it has been struggling for cycles of time. The world, netted with nerves of copper and steel, serves the world-wide unity of the race which binds all mankind in sympathy with the victims of injustice wherever they be. We hear the happy laughter or wail of woe of the world, or any part of it. The arteries of the world's commerce circulate the life-giving flow of its material productions through every part; yielding to each part its selection of what it needs for its betterment, courses on over the barriers imposed by human ignorance and greed. It cannot be that all this is without effect *upon the common mind and conduct*. It cannot be that this civilization is so uncivil as to offer no hope to its long suffering masses, but appeal to arms—physical strength, brute force. I, for one, do not believe it. Nor do I believe that the despoilers of their fellows are lost to reason, in their mad greed of wealth and power, and court disaster to themselves. Do they foolishly believe fate will defer until the next generation—or even to-morrow, the inevitable cataclysm of retribution; and that for to-day they may go on in a materially prosperous profit from injustice?

This is the day of quick action, of rapid progress. Yet every hope depends, finally, upon wisely and promptly using our knowl-