

The first conference at Columbus last Fall resulted in the formation of a National Tax Association. A review of the volume containing the addresses made at that conference appeared in a recent issue of the *REVIEW*.

WILL any one having a copy of the Single Tax *REVIEW* for the summer of 1906, vol. 6, number one, which he or she may be willing to dispose of, write to C. J. Buell, 1546 Laurel Ave., St. Paul, Minn.

THE Amarillo (Texas) *Weekly News* is under the editorial management of J. L. Caldwell, Single Taxer.

MR. GEO. W. PATTERSON, Station M., Los Angeles, California, is in need of March-April number, for 1908.

A LETTER of Hon. Robert Baker, president of the Austin Engine Company, in reply to a communication from the New York Leather Belting Company urging the support of Taft by the industrial interests and their employes, is having a wide circulation. Mr. Baker characterizes this form of intimidation in vigorous terms, and makes a spirited reply to the claim that republican success means steady work and good wages. Mr. Henry Waterson, editor of the Louisville *Courier Journal* says it is the very best campaign document issued to date. Mention was made of it by Mr. Bryan in his speech at Des Moines.

E. L. SNEDICKER, of Kansas City, Mo., has a two column communication in the Salina Kansas *Daily Union*. In a personal communication to the *REVIEW*, Mr. Snedicker says: "If Kansas had a leader in true democracy we could carry the state. The farmers are ripe for a change."

It may not be generally known to our readers that our contributor J. W. Bengough has rendered Henry George's famous book, *Protection or Free Trade* into words of one syllable. This he has done with extraordinary fidelity to the thought of the original work. It is published by the

American Free Trade League, Boston, Mass., and the price is 25 cents.

LAWSON PURDY, has been awarded the degree of L. L. D. by Trinity College, Hartford, of which he is a graduate.

IN the July number of *Land Values*, W. R. Lester replies to Winston Churchill's statement in a recent speech that "Taxation, raise it how you will, is a gross and unredeemable evil." Mr. Lester indicates how much it is to be regretted that an address so replete with good and wholesome truths should be marred by an error of this kind.

J. R. Firth, President of the Single Tax League of Sydney, Australia, writes Mr. Herbert Quick that "The Broken Lance" is selling wonderfully well in Sydney, and should do marvelous work in re-enthusiasing Single Taxers. He says: "Just a few words to say that I thank God for your 'Broken Lance'. It is worthy of the literature of our cause; it is the Uncle Tom's Cabin of the *new* Abolition movement. I cannot say more."

This book may be ordered of the Single Tax *REVIEW*. Its price is \$1.50.

THE Union Labor *Advocate* of Chicago reprints part of the great speech of Raymond Robins at the banquet of the Single Tax Conference which appeared in these columns.

H. SYCAMORE, corresponding secretary of the St. Louis Single Tax League wants a copy of No. 4, vol. 4, of the *REVIEW*.

THE opinion which we have expressed regarding the German land reform movement, finds confirmation in an article in *Land and Labor* of London, England, by Jan. Stoffel, of Deventer, Holland, whose name is not unknown to the Single Taxers of this country. Mr. Stoffel says:

Even social democracy defends protection and militarism in Germany; by this, the real way for social reform is blocked, just as the case is in the nations of Latin origin, Spain, France and Italy.

Look at the land reform movement in Germany. It has spread in late years, it has increased in influence and in numbers, but in the same degree the force of the movement has weakened. I was, in October, 1906, at the annual meeting of the German League for Land reform in Dusseldorf. There was much talk at the meeting about taxing land values, unearned increment, right of transfer of real estates, and profits of mine owners, evidently with the purpose to find new sources for filling the Treasury. But the principles of Henry George: that all men have equal rights to the use of the earth; that taxation only can be a means to the end; the restoration of the people's birthrights, was not adopted by the majority of the dignified, long-coated gentlemen, mostly burgomasters and treasurers of various German towns.

The fault of the German movement—and also of a part of the English movement—for land reform is, that it sees land reform only in the light of municipal housing reform, and shifting of taxes from weak to strong shoulders.

A high price of land, a high ground rent, is considered as a boon in Germany, which boon must be collected by taxation and divided among the tax-paying community in the shape of diminished taxes. The higher the rent, the greater the boon. And this they call "Land Reform."

The idea of land nationalisation, the restoration of his birthright to every man, is so weak in Germany that Damaschke does not risk putting in his paper, *Boden reform*, an article in favour of free trade, for fear of repelling some of his protectionist friends of "land reform,"

THE firm of Nelson and Julian, shoe dealers, 3017 Fulton street, Brooklyn, offers as one of the many premiums to their customers a copy of the little work by J. P. Kohler, "The Cause and Care of Hard Times," a Single Tax argument which in a recent issue of the *Evening Journal* of this city was made the subject of one of its flippant editorials. Nelson and Julian distributed 10,000 of these in the 26th ward of Brooklyn in one week.

IN addition to those named Single Taxers candidates for office on page 36 are William Matthews, Spokane, Wash., who is a legislative candidate, and George F. Cotterill, Seattle, Wash., is a candidate in advisory primary is a democratic candidate for United States Senate. He was candidate for congress some years ago.

ON Jan. 1st of this year the Tariff Reform Committee of New York offered a prize of twenty-five dollars to be awarded to the writer of the best tariff reform article to be printed in a newspaper between that date and June 1st. The prize goes to a Single Taxer, Edward Homer Bailey, associate editor of the *Johnstown Democrat*. The article of less than 1,000 words taking the prize is entitled "The Housewife," and is a statement of how the tariff lays its burdens upon the expenses of the household.

THE *Liberator*, of Auckland, New Zealand, is reprinting the Letters on the Taxation of the land, by Edwin Burgess the Journeyman tailor who in 1859-1860 published in the Racine, Wis. newspapers the extraordinary series of communications of which mention has been made in these columns. He was one of the discoverers of the Single Tax, and was a man of original and singularly gifted intellect, though unlearned. In another column will be found a letter from one who knew Burgess. "And did you then see Shelley plain?"

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