

have come to believe in a different culmination of reform movements than most people. I have lost my Single Tax enthusiasm.

We are to have a great conflict of arms. It will come soon after the great conflict of ballots. The Socialists can never establish their system by the ballots, but inasmuch as the Socialists are the coming new and powerful party, they will force the conflict. The Single Taxism will be over shadowed. Out of the ruins of contending forces there will arise a just government, and that government will be based on, and patterned after the form and function of the Universe itself. Imperialistic, but it will be a Divine Imperialism, and justice will reign throughout the world. There will be no individual ownership of land, and the titles held by the present owners will not be taxed away from them, nor voted away from them, but when the ecliptic makes its swing into conjunction, or nearly so, with the equator, all land titles will be destroyed forever and become vested in the State, for the land and water surface of the earth will so change in 10 days that no one will be able to find his land from its legal description.

Of course, this sounds like a fairy tale to you, but you have only to wait a few short years, probably less than 15, to see this accomplished. We know this from a definite scientific knowledge of the structural form, and thus of the functions of the Universe.

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LONELY BUT UNDISMAYED.

Editor *Single Tax Review*:

There are very few Single Taxers in the State and I feel very lonely in my support of the teachings of Henry George, but unwavering in my faith in their verity and truth. Very few, very, very few of even intelligent men in the State know what the "Single Tax" stands for. I have long desired that some of the eloquent advocates of the George philosophy would make a missionary tour

of the South and stir up thought and inquiry.

I have retired from active participation in public affairs, although only seventy two. Have been a disciple of the faith since 1885—after reading a 50 cents copy of *Progress and Poverty*. I take *The Public* and the *REVIEW* and thus keep fairly well posted in regards to Single Tax progress.

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GEORGE BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION AT ARDEN.

The first week in September was one of festivities at the Single Tax colony, Arden, Newcastle County, Delaware, in which a number of our comrades from Philadelphia and Wilmington joined. New York City was represented in the presence of John J. Murphy, Jos. Fink, James Macgregor, Will. Ryan, Miss. Julia Huppert and Miss Amy Mali Hicks.

On Wednesday night Sept. 2nd, the Choral Society gave a concert, and on Thursday night Mr. James Macgregor made an address on the Single Tax. The opposition to the Single Tax was led by Prof. Nearing, who occupies the Chair of Political Economy at the University of Pennsylvania. Mr. Macgregor has become accustomed to professors of political economy by this time, and numbers upon the list of those whose scalps he bears as trophies of more or less strenuous encounters in the past such monstrosities of economic misinformation as George Gunton and Prof. Van Buren Denslow. Prof. Nearing is an agreeable specimen of his class.

On Friday night there was a representation in costume of *Romeo and Juliet*. Mrs. Kumme was the Juliet and Fred. Whiteside the Romeo of the cast. Donn Stephens took the part of Mercutio and Frank Stephens was a capable Capulet.

Saturday night was devoted to *Julius Caesar*, with Frank Stephens as Caesar, Fred. Whiteside as Brutus, Frank Shandrew as Casca, Charles Ervin as Mark Antony, and Donn Stephens as Cassius.

Sunday afternoon was given up to the celebration of the anniversary of the birth of Henry George whose memory we delight to honor. C. F. Shandrew presided, and read the following poem on Tolstoy written for the occasion by Joseph Dana Miller:

LEO TOLSTOY.

What life hath crowded into eighty years
Such deeds as his, Oh, Prophet of our
time,

Scourging with bitter whips the priests
of crime?

Two things have made those eighty
years sublime—

A Tyrant's curses and a Peasant's tears.

Two calls he heard—many, their souls
enticed,

Have answered one—their numbers
legion be;

“Whose servant, thou? Lo, here are
crowns for thee,

And wide dominions stretched from
sea to sea—

Art Christ's or Czar's?" He answered,
“I am Christ's.”

Then from that mighty voice and mightier
pen

Far o'er Siberian wastes his message rolled:
Then how they shook—those tyrannies
grown old;

Then how they woke—passions of men
long cold

In every land who love their fellow men!

And now he stands and calmly waits
his rest,

Loving and loved and fearless, where
alone,

Friendless and fearing, though he fills
a throne,

Another crouches behind walls of stone—
Tolstoy's or Romanoff's—whose way is
best?

Among the speakers were John J. Murphy, Will Price, Harry Hetzel, who read a chapter of Progress and Poverty, H. V. Hetzel, and Jos Fink. About 150 were present. The old Delaware Campaign songs were sung, led by Prof. Kumme.

On Sunday night there was a camp fire in the woods, at which there were readings. That old war horse, H. V. Hetzel, gave his celebrated speech of the Bucks County Democratic Chairman.

Monday night wound up the festivities with a masked ball.

LAND VALUES MORE THAN SUFFICIENT FOR ALL NEEDS.

(For the Review.)

The question is often asked “will the Single Tax on land values alone raise sufficient revenue to meet the expenses of government?” Some light is thrown on the subject by the following figures.

The report of the Department of Taxes and Assessment of New York for 1908 places the ordinary land values of Greater New York, not including special franchises or the real estate of corporations, such as steam railroad roadbeds, tracks, etc., at \$3,843,165,397. These figures are the assessed value, which is less than the real value;—the real value is the net value—that is, the amount of tax now collected must be added to find the gross rent paid by the people of New York.

Assuming that the average net return on investments in land in New York City is 5%, the gross land rent would be the net return of 5% plus the tax of 1½ per cent, approximately 6½ per cent on the present assessment, or 250 million dollars.

This is the amount which the Single Tax would collect.

The budget of the City of New York for 1908 is 160 million dollars, but this includes the cost of operating the water department and the department of docks and ferries, which are profit making branches of the government, and under a proper system of bookkeeping would not be included in the budget. With these deducted the running expenses of the City of New York are not more than 120 million dollars. New York City's proportionate share of the expense of the state government is about 25 million dollars (the total state expense is 33 million dollars.)

The per capita cost of the United States government was \$7.70 last year. The