

THE COLORADO SITUATION.

It is well enough to urge in Colorado and elsewhere such movements as are now on foot in Colorado Springs, as well as the agitation and campaign which resulted in the victory at Pueblo. But in the mining regions of the same great State there is going on at present a tremendous struggle which originates in the same denial to men of their right to the use of the earth which is the real basis of the great Single Tax movement. Our cause is a revolutionary one to which the cause of rational reform in taxation is but the method and the incident. Putting it boldly, Single Taxers claim that the disinherited miner working for a pittance a week has the same right of inheritance in these riches stored in the earth as the so-called owners, that this right cannot be successfully denied, and that the failure to assert it in the law is responsible for the state of war now existing in the mining centers of Colorado.

Let the Single Taxers of Colorado, who alone of all the friends of the miners have the true solution of this grave question, follow the advice of the Land Value Tax Party of this city, which at its last executive committee session passed a resolution urging upon the Single Taxers of the State to place candidates in the field for legislative office on a Single Tax platform and appeal to the miners to change this war of bullets for a war of ballots for the recovery of their lost inheritance. Whatever reasons may elsewhere exist for doubting the feasibility of independent political action, there are none in Colorado. Here, it seems to us, the course we should pursue is fairly marked out for us.

If the miners and their organizations wish to inspire real terror in the ranks of their oppressors, here is the way.

A TRADE PAPER IN PARIS ON PROGRESS AND POVERTY.

In the April issue of the *French Hotel-keeper*, a trade paper published in Paris, semi-monthly for the benefit of hotel-keepers in the capitol and provinces, there appears under the heading of "Economic

Truth" an announcement which cannot but deeply interest Single Taxers everywhere. We cannot easily think of a trade publication in America doing what Mr. M. C. Rocass, the editor, announces in this issue. It is nothing less than a re-publication in serial form of Henry George's "Progress and Poverty," translated by Madam Maud Noel, an American artist, now resident in Paris.

The following is the article in which the publication announcement is made:

"We judge that France has nothing to gain by continuing to proscribe economic truth. The infatuation and todysism which now hold us in our present road and which inspire us with absurd enthusiasms for doctrines which embody venality and absurd philosophies, must henceforward give their place to better considered principles. Our very national life demands that we abjure our errors, drive out those who have deceived us and brand those who now divide us so that we may see that the solution of our pending problems depends upon the true love of truth. Have our perversity and the economic errors with which we proudly decorate ourselves killed in us all genuine interest in economic clearness and light? Are we going to permit disintegrating discord and hatred, growing daily more bitter, to precipitate us into a condition which can only be compared to that of the expiring Roman Empire under Byzantine rule? Is this splendid French race which combines in itself the choicest stock of European peoples going to surrender itself to a hopeless decadence and forget that great mission of redemption of which it gave so manifest an example a hundred years ago? Can we permit the present to ignore the past and permit ourselves to forget the glorious heritage of the men who shook the earth with their tread and made the tyrants of the ages blanche with fear. It should not be that at the hour when universal suffrage has become an instrument to give new mandates to its chosen ones, that we should remain indifferent to the supreme truth in economics. 'Tis needful for our salvation that that admirable champion of mankind, the American Henry George, should be better known in France. There is strong need that the incomparable