

Mr. Ross also overlooks the fact that Mr. Briggs is financed entirely (with the exception of a generous contribution from an Elkhart friend of his) by the Single Taxers of Los Angeles, who are members of the Los Angeles Single Tax League.

He does William C. deMille an injustice, the fact being that Mr. deMille spent several thousand dollars of his own money in newspaper publicity in the 1921 campaign. If Mr. deMille's contribution be taken into consideration, we would be making a very creditable showing as to our contribution in this state. Under his brilliant leadership we anticipate that the next two years will be full of interest for those in the cause.

At the present time we feel that it is the part of wisdom to spend the money we obtain in actual work in the field rather than send an emissary east to collect funds.

We need money, of course, and any contribution will be greatly appreciated. Our present expenses are being met through contributions of members only.

We hope you will set us right before our friends, so that the fact of our participation in the last campaign may not be overlooked.
Los Angeles, California

R. E. CHADWICK.

MISSISSIPPI A PROMISING BATTLE GROUND.

EDITOR SINGLE TAX REVIEW:

For the consideration of those concerned, through the REVIEW I beg to submit the following:

I am a Single Taxer. As able, I contribute of my time, labor and money to the cause.

From a comprehensive review of the history of the efforts to establish the Single Tax in the United States, it is my idea that this can be more easily, quickly and economically accomplished in Mississippi than in any other state, based on the following facts:

The last National Census revealed that the rural population of Mississippi was still in the majority; the total voting strength of the state is about one-hundred-fifty-thousand; there is one political party and two distinct political alignments—Democracy and Autocracy; at about the center the state is geographically divided, the Eastern part hilly and poor, the Western composing the rich Delta; the population of the Eastern part constitutes the great majority of the voting strength of the state, and is composed of all white natives, mostly farm tenants and small farm owners and poor, but, through a liberal and equitably distributed public school system, and Ex-Senator James K. Vardaman's past thirty years continuous war for political freedom, are accordingly enlightened, and compose the alignments of Democracy of the state. As land monopoly is here as elsewhere, they are ripe for The Remedy; Mississippi already has an Initiative and Referendum Measure, requiring only seven thousand petitioners for the Initiative and six thousand for the Referendum, and this measure has successfully run the Supreme Court gauntlets; Meridian, a manufacturing town, railroad junction and center, is the largest city—twenty-three thousand, located in the Eastern part; therefore, a successful campaign for state wide Single Tax could, I think, be limited to the Eastern one half of the state.

Jackson, Miss.

E. M. WALTHALL.

AT LEAST THE LANDLORDS WILL PAY WHAT THEY NOW POCKET

EDITOR SINGLE TAX REVIEW:

Much mental confusion results from the failure of people to say what they mean or mean what they say.

Single Taxers propose an exclusive tax on land according to the value and also tell us that this tax will be paid by the landlords, who will be unable to shift it to the tenant. It is then a tax on landlords and not a tax on land. It sounds better to say a tax on landlords as land is an inanimate object and inanimate objects cannot be taxed. Only human beings can be taxed and then only if they are wealth producers. But landlords as such, are not wealth producers and can not pay taxes

—or anything else, for that matter. Landlords, as such, have never paid any taxes and never will, and small blame to them, seeing they can not do it.

It seems then that the Single Tax is not a tax on land; neither is it a tax on landlords. Who then is going to pay this Single Tax? Who is the modest and unobtrusive one who keeps and is kept in the back-ground?

The Single Tax will come out of the produce of the labor of the tenant. So called "land taxes" and "landlord taxes" have always been tenant-taxes and except when the landlord is also the land-user, the tenant has always paid them. This taxing of the tenant is sometimes called "taking the tax burden off of industry and putting it on privilege," as though privilege could pay taxes.

And so, the failure of Single Taxers to say what they mean or mean what they say, results in much mental confusion.

Cincinnati, Ohio.

JAMES BANN.

A SINGLE TAXER DEFENDS HENRY FORD.

EDITOR SINGLE TAX REVIEW:

I enclose one dollar for renewal of subscription. May I not say that your paper is in some respects almost as impossible as the Republican Party. You have the hatchet out too much. Your slap at Mr. Ford in the January-February issue of the REVIEW was so silly that it must make you blush even now. Those of us who have had the opportunity to watch him fight the bad in both parties, and know his fearless convictions, even though mistaken, are going to have a hard time listening to silly personalities whether uttered by Rabbi Stephen Wise or the Editor of the SINGLE TAX REVIEW.

Michigan.

CANNOT KEEP ON IN THE OLD WAY.

EDITOR SINGLE TAX REVIEW:

Let us realize that we cannot keep on in the old way. We have been throwing our votes away for the last thirty years and if that is to be in the laps of the gods for the future, we might just as well let it register our convictions. It will, at least, be that much gained.

We have been king's fools in the campaigns of the past—Political tramps who have been contemptuously given a berth in the political haymow and cursed for striking Single Tax matches whenever the party barn burned down.

Academic discussion of the Single Tax gets us nowhere with the American voter. He at least is a fighter and respects no one who is not. That accounts for the fact that the base ball hero usually outranks the presidential candidate in popular estimation and will in the future unless such candidates become open fighters, instead of moral cowards. It is this willingness, I believe, that accounts for the support obtained by the Socialist Party, although socialism is not indigenous to our American soil and has been, more or less, associated with a foreign accent.

Considered in their true value, third parties have been surprisingly successful, for the most vital reform measures now on the statute books have been forced there by their activity even though they did not become dominant political forces, and we need not be so very much concerned if the new party does not become the leading organization so long as economic liberty obtains.

Many Single Taxers tell us that it is a hopeless undertaking. Well, it seemed so to us in Kansas when Carrie Nation began wrecking joints and whisky selling drug stores in the state. Kansas had sown the joint and reaped the hatchet, but the crash of falling plate glass awakened the state as nothing else had although nothing seemed so insane at the time. With the heavy batteries of a scientific reform, we are certainly better equipped for the Great Adventure than that little poor old woman of Kansas.

Camp Verde, Arizona

N. A. VYNE.