

Western Starr formally joined the Single Tax movement in 1898 and since that time has been an enthusiastic, a strong and a willing worker in the cause of human freedom. His manner in speaking impresses the listener with the feeling that this must be believed because it is true. His diction is ornate, and at times epigrammatic, and while the quality of the voice is not equal to the force of the thought nor to the purity of the language, it is clear, incisive, penetrating, and gives strong indication that the present generation retains the fighting qualities of its ancestors, for on his father's side Starr's forebears date back to the Connecticut pioneers of 1635; while his mother includes among her progenitors so vigorous an individual as Roger Williams. And Western Starr is as strong in advocacy of the cause of truth as were any of them.

PROGRESS AMONG OUR SWEDISH BRETHREN.

I, together with Alex. Sandberg, Everett, Mass.; B. N. Wennerblad, Cambridgeport, Mass.; H. W. Norén, Allegheny, Pa.; Gunnar Naumann, Rush City, Minn.; and Rev. August Dellgren, Chicago, Ill., began in the beginning of 1902 (or two years ago) a Single Tax discussion with more or less prominent opponents of the doctrine, in the most widely circulated Swedish-American newspaper in this country, namely "*Svenska Amerikanska Posten*" ("*The Swedish-American Post*") a paper having a circulation of 65,000, the proprietor and editor of which are quite favorably disposed toward the Single Tax. This discussion went on for a year and a half, or until the spring of 1903, with constantly increasing vigor on the Single Taxers' part, and did, we are inclined to think, much good among Swedish-Americans, of whom there are about 2,000,000 in the United States.

Since early last Summer we have carried on in the same paper another discussion, the subject being: "Is it the duty of the Christian religion to aid in the abolition of involuntary poverty?" In this discussion—which is now about concluded—we, and especially Mr. Gunnar Naumann, have managed occasionally to weave in and present the truth of "the-land-for-the-people doctrine," i. e., the absolute need of the adoption of the Single Tax in order to abolish undeserved poverty.

We are about to start another discussion in the same paper, but, of course, under another name or heading, and I fancy that the Single Tax gospel will occasionally be discerned therein.

In my union—the Woodworkers' Union, A. F. L.—I preach whenever opportunity offers, the-land-for-the-people doctrine.

The trouble with our movement is that the Single Taxers are not sufficiently organized. Organization, nowadays, is abso-

lutely necessary for the successful accomplishment of anything of importance.

May I make a suggestion? Inasmuch as we all recognize in Mr. Tom L. Johnson our natural National Leader—why could we not promptly and effectively organize ourselves in this way. Let Mr. Johnson immediately appoint for and from every state and territory in the Union and for and from the District of Columbia where the Single Taxers are not organized, or where they do not immediately organize, a state, territorial and district Single Tax chairman.

This done, let either Mr. Johnson or these chairmen themselves—whichever way shall be deemed best—appoint a chairman from and for every county, city and village in each state, territory and the District of Columbia.

These various chairmen—state, territorial, district, county, city and village, will take charge of the work of organizing the Single Taxers in their respective states, territories, District of Columbia, county, city, town or village; look after the interests of the movement therein; either engage in or supervise the Single Tax propaganda work in their respective fields.

The county, village and town chairmen should at stated periods—say, every quarter—report in writing to their respective state or territorial chairman (as the case may be) whatever he may consider of interest and value, concerning the movement. And the state, territorial and District of Columbia chairmen should, in a similar manner, report to the national chairman whatever they may deem of interest and value from their respective fields.

But let us not run from one extreme to another, from almost no organization to too much organization. Let us be sane and moderate, but active and energetic. What we want just now, is a fair, intelligent beginning; a nucleus around which we can further organize, grow and work.

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THE GOSPEL OF THE SINGLE TAX IN BLANK VERSE.

The following ingenious attempt to embody the philosophy of the Single Tax in blank verse is to be credited to Horace Smith, an attorney of Youngstown, Ohio, and was read by him at a meeting of the Up-to-Date Club of Youngstown. It was reproduced in full in the Youngstown *Vindicator*.

Much of it is real poetry, though not all of the lines are susceptible of arrangement into verse form. We quote the first part of this unique address:

"The king was Lord of all the land, and livery and seizin had from holy priests, a title clear from God. But kings make priests and they anoint the kings. The