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THE LAND VALUE TAX PARTY.

(The following from the pen of Mr. Bastida has been mailed generally to Single Taxers. We gladly give it place as an interesting item of news—Editor SINGLE TAX REVIEW.)

The Land Value Tax Party stands for the principle that the land is the continuing and inalienable heritage of the people and that its private appropriation is the fundamental cause of poverty and crime; its remedy is to tax the annual rental value of land into the public treasury to defray governmental expenses and public services.

As every other party is opposed to this doctrine it follows logically that believers in this doctrine should join our party and renounce all others; for only by so doing can they rightly further the purpose of a political party, which is to furnish organizations wherein citizens of like opinions can group together for mutual encouragement and support in advocating and voting for their particular beliefs. It is further found that the Single Taxer who is affiliated with another party is necessarily mute as against that party, and to that extent is a weak advocate, even if he be not charged with giving aid and comfort to the enemy. As there are Single Taxers in all of the large parties it follows that they are collectively upholding our opposition and mutually cancelling each others vote and influence.

On candid examination, all intelligent Single Taxers will acknowledge that there is no fundamental difference now between the Democratic, the Progressive and Republican parties; that the cleavage is on petty issues such as tariff percentages, regulation or supervision of trusts or large business, etc., in the national field, and on still more petty issues in the States, where more frequent contests for office produce personal animosity and campaigns degenerate from issues into appeals to vote for

the best man, so that political alignments become erratic and confusing. Is it not throwing away your vote to participate in these contests?

We expect to gain enough active adherents during the year to put up a complete ticket for senate and assembly in the 1914 election; and our purpose is to wage a campaign on the moral right and economic necessity of appropriating the annual rental value of land through state and local taxation.

Now, undoubtedly, you hopefully look forward to the day when our principle shall become a political issue, and we extend you a cordial invitation to join with us in hastening the advent of that day. Do you not hear, above the discordant clamor of the parties, the insistent cry of the disinherited? "He who will hear, to him the clarions of battle call. How they call, and call, and call, till the heart swells that hears them." Come then, join our party and with us devote your work and your vote, whole-heartedly, to the cause.

ANTONIO BASTIDA.

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