

would say that if it was not important enough for us, its professed advocates, to vote for, we did not believe what we professed.

Land reform will not come until the people want it, and the people cannot be taught to want it by the methods now so popular with Single Taxers.

These methods consist chiefly of outwitting the devil. But he must indeed have a long spoon who supps with him.

Let us forsake these childish methods and take an honest and open stand for our principles as we profess them.

OBJECTIONS TO JOINING THE L. V. T. PARTY.

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It may be of interest to the readers of the REVIEW to know the two principal objections given by Single Taxers for not joining our party; these are given below together with a little comment.

1st. Because the Party contains only a small number of people and has no chance in an election.

What answer can you give to a moral coward? Shall you enumerate the names dear to history which personate noble fights for liberty at the risk of banishment, torture or death? No, it is useless; his overweening pride and self esteem are too great to stand alone for a principle against ridicule; he must be bolstered up by many followers.

When numbers are attained *he* will not be needed; let him join us when success is in sight along with the political thugs and camp followers of other parties who will then flock in as his equally meritorious associates. In the meantime his presence would be a source of weakness as he would certainly desert in the first skirmish.

2nd. Because some one or other of the big parties has declared in favor of some minor reform which the objector claims is a step in our direction.

This is a more subtle objection in that it implies that the objector is striving to forward our cause, even though indirectly. Now, unfortunately for the cause we have at heart, the great mass of honest Single Taxers believe in this objection, yet it does

not ring true, as is easily shown by the following analysis.

THE TARIFF.—This is a federal issue to be determined at Washington; entirely unrelated to the taxation of land values, which is a State matter and must in this State be sought at Albany. Further, there is no doubt that should the Tariff be abrogated entirely—which is not even thought of—it would be succeeded by a Federal income tax which here, as in England, would serve as a bulwark eventually against the Single Tax in the national field.

With this issue we find Single Taxers trying to ride to Congress and none striving to go to Albany to work for a tax on land values; is it not natural then to inquire whence arises this abandonment of principle for the furtherance of a stupidly inadequate policy. For, while we agree that free-trade—not tariff reform—is just, yet we deny that it per se has anything to do with our fight to regain the common right to the earth; nevertheless this issue, whether erroneously begun twenty-six years ago or now criminally followed, has been in the past and now is used to distract the attention of Single Taxers from the land question. Under its baleful influence Single Tax leaders have so degenerated that besides forgetting their own cause they no longer have the courage to demand free trade, but in obedience to their party bosses slavishly argue and vote for percentage reductions in protective bills.

THE INITIATIVE AND REFERENDUM.—These issues constitute a much stronger excuse for deserting the cause, in that first they are more particularly State issues, and secondly that if obtained they might be used to bring our cause before the people.

Now we grant the justice and value of these issues and their possible use, but we strenuously urge all honest Single Taxers to consider that these so-called tools for advancing our cause must first have earnest and forceful workers educated in how to use them for our purpose; and we submit that in the States now using the Initiative and Referendum it has been found that the crop of Single Taxers to use these tools was woefully wanting. Plainly then the Land Value Tax Party must urge all Single Taxers to direct their whole atten-

tion to making land value tax converts, each and all of whom will readily understand the use of these tools; for in the absence of converts these tools will be subtly used by the big interests to bunco the people and by the Socialists for both palliatory and restrictive measures.

"**UNTAXING INDUSTRY.**"—A counterfeit Single Tax issue which necessitates diluted arguments and thereby cultivates hypocritical leaders, who with the same tongue and at the same time preach lower rents for the people and advancing values to real estate brokers and landlords, holding up the land increment in Vancouver to the latter as proof. With good, straightforward persistent preaching that private ownership of land is robbery our leaders will remain true, and real progress be quicker.

OTHER ISSUES.—These while numerous are too petty to deserve comment for Single Taxers, excepting Women Suffrage, which is a moral and political right which may be gladly advocated by us without lessening in the slightest degree our fight for economic freedom, for it adds to and amplifies its application.

OUR ISSUE, THE LAND FOR THE PEOPLE.—The duty of the Land Value Tax Party is to call the attention of the people to the fact that private ownership of the land is the cause of their oppression and poverty, and to point out to them the justice and efficacy of our method for freeing them. In doing this it is also our duty to invite other Single Taxers to join us in the work and here, unfortunately, we are obliged to attack their leaders who have gone off after false gods.

Shall you not judge these leaders by their public deeds rather than by their fervid private utterances at Single Tax dinners? Take New York State: has anything of an undisguised nature been done here since the death of Henry George?

Outside of our party work, absolutely nothing which might not be sanctioned as child's play by Tammany Hall as an indulgent parent, who understands that children will be children and that it is best to shut your eye against harmless little Single Tax games provided the child is a good and obedient little tyke, who will

greedily seize a candy nomination or appointment as a reward for giving up bad associates and their ways. So far every little Single Tax boy who has received his piece of candy has greedily licked it, and has behaved in such a manner as to deserve the good opinion of the generous parent who, no doubt, will continue to find lollipops so long as the people foot the bills and are satisfied with these good little boys. We of the Land Value Tax Party utterly repudiate them and their expectant little brothers; for we are not of those who are so easily contented with sham progress that we dance with joy when another little Single Tax boy secures his piece of candy; rather we are disgusted with the knowledge that another of our number has been bribed to walk, well stuffed and dumb, in the pleasant path of the privileged.

From time to time we shall dip our pens in gall and with that biting acid try to trace our scorching contempt for those venal hirelings who either stand on false platforms supported by the campaign gifts of the plunderbund or misapply funds of the faithful to counterfeit work.

Therefore, turn, ye honest Single Taxers, turn from these false leaders, and hail, all hail, the young men converts to our pure teachings, for they shall vigorously press forward in the straight and narrow path, nor be enticed therefrom. To them shall come as a reward the glad laughter of liberated children as a melodious song; to them the praise of a liberated people be sweet incense to the spirit; and we veterans, falling one by one by the wayside, shall vicariously participate in that glorious victory which shall herald the coming of the millenium.

For we shall fight the good fight, the true fight, faithfully to the end, so that when we depart it shall be in peace—our duty done.

ADDRESS TO VOTERS.

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When the birthrights of the child and its posterity in field and forest became the property of a chosen few, men were forced