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Through this reading matter, you can learn any particulars in regard to power site development and what it is going to mean in your own home, and just what legislation is necessary to protect your home against the encroachments of monopolistic influences.

An authority says: "The Nation owns the undeveloped power sites in National forests and on the public lands of the West and South. As landlord the Federal Government had a right and duty to compel the power companies to develop them promptly and fully, to pay a reasonable rental, to give the sites back to the public after a reasonable time, say fifty years, so that the lease may be renewed on terms dictated by the better knowledge of people as to their rights.

Power companies should furnish all facts relating to cost of construction and operation, and submit to such regulation of service and prices by the States as will allow fair return for the money involved. Violation of any of those conditions should work a forfeiture of the lease. This system has been in vogue in the National forests for many years with very beneficial results to all concerned. It should be extended to power sites on the public lands which have been withdrawn under Presidents Roosevelt and Taft, also to power sites on the navigable rivers in all parts of the country, because the consent of Congress must be given before any power dams can be built in a navigable stream. Power sites which are neither owned by the Federal Government nor situated on navigable streams should be developed under State laws imposing like restrictions.—ALICE BENNETT, 419 E. 64th St., N. Y. City.

Mr. Henry George, Jr. is now lecturing for the Henry George Lecture Association (Frederick H. Monroe, president.) Mr. George delivered over one hundred lectures for this association during the early part of 1910. This year he will give addresses at almost every point where he spoke on the previous tour.

#### THINKS THERE IS A DIVISION OF "RADICAL" AND "CONSERVATIVE" SINGLE TAXERS.

##### EDITOR SINGLE TAX REVIEW:

It would appear that the workers for the taxation of land values have come to the division of the ways, and that they may be divided into two classes:

The Conservatives, who wish to cling to old ways conspicuous for their failure to advance the cause materially.

The Radicals, who are weary of bumping their heads against stone walls (legislatures) and who see an opportunity which, if not appearing so short as educating the legislatures, may be the shortest route after all around the opposition to the goal.

It is false to infer that the interest of land taxation is being placed second to that of Direct Legislation, or that Single Taxers have no interest in the machinery of government, or that through legislative enactment is the quicker or easier route. The route is always through the people (except in one state of the Union). Such a change in taxation as we advocate necessitates a constitutional amendment\*—and there is only one state in the Union where constitutional amendments passed by the legislature and governor do not have to be submitted to a vote of the people for ratification (referendum is what it is). It is almost the only vital right the people managed to keep a grip on.

In either case the public must be educated—and the use of the Initiative permits us to begin now instead of waiting for our descendants.

Those who expect to succeed through the circulation of the George writings have had no experience in successful campaign work. Facts, for the average mind, must be put in a more subtle,† interesting and shorter manner. To depend entirely on the circulation of Progress and Poverty and the sending out of lecturers is to proceed in the old way, and experience has shown that the old way goes too slow. In large cities

\*The writer is in error. There are a dozen States in which the constitution offers no bar to the adoption of the Single Tax.—EDITOR SINGLE TAX REVIEW.

†Surely, the writer does not mean in a "more subtle" way.—EDITOR SINGLE TAX REVIEW.

a lecturer mostly talks to those already convinced. They can do great good in smaller places where there are not so many things to take up the time of the people.

In most cases Direct Legislation work has been organized by veteran Single Taxers and a little financial aid extended for the taking of the last barricade is the help of brother to brother, and good campaign judgment. The sooner and the greater the number of petitions in the field the greater the discussion of the subject.

Mr. Paul explicitly states that in England they created a demand for the taxation of land values, or they would not have got it. Isn't that going to the people for what you want? Isn't that just what we propose to do? The work in England received a strong impetus from the travelers returned from colonies where the Single Tax is in practice. Our American people travel very little in the British Colonies and we do not receive such help. In England too they "heckle" candidates. Speakers are not allowed to proceed uninterrupted, and there is a strong public opinion against a man promising a thing before election and not keeping his word.

Direct Legislation is the open route and perhaps the shortest.—ANNA BEARD, St. Louis, Mo.

#### WORKING AT THE ROOTS.

EDITOR SINGLE TAX REVIEW:

I congratulate you on the evident tendency of political thought in these strenuous days. "Things are coming our way" all unconscious though the chief actors be—the Insurgents—Conservationists, Trust-busters, etc., that they are playing into our hands. They are working from the top downward, while we Single Taxers are digging at the roots of the evils of the days.—R. J. REDDING, Griffin, Ga.

R. Ockel writes us from Bassrode, Belgium, of Henry George, Jr. "Most heartily I congratulate you on his election to Congress. I feel sure that this will give the history of the world a new turn if the largest legislative body has to listen to the wisdom of his great faith."

#### NEWS—DOMESTIC.

##### OREGON.

APPEALING TO THE FARMERS—LAND VALUE TAXERS GETTING BUSY—WATCHING THE SENATE.

The people of Oregon have seen their friends take control of the State government and the plunderbund element of special privilege worsted at every turn.

The state senate was organized with Ben Selling, president of the Peoples' Power League, president of the senate, and by the peculiar provisions of our constitution and the exigencies of fate, Ben was acting governor for a few hours.

The lower house swung into line with a man from the people as speaker, John P. Rusk; and then Governor Oswald West, democrat in an overwhelmingly republican State, was installed into office with a message along progressive lines that sent shivers down the backs of every lobbyist for special privileges anywhere in Oregon.

Governor West plainly says that with the new tax amendment there is "no reason on earth why we should not without further delay adopt the most progressive system to be found in any State in the union."

There has been considerable talk of the legislature attempting to set aside the will of the people of Oregon, and to endeavor to secure a repeal of the tax amendment without trying it. The official representatives of the railroads at a recent banquet served notice that the tax amendment was very obnoxious, and unless the people of Oregon quit monkeying with the tax laws the railroads would not build another mile of line anywhere in Oregon. There was a time when the legislature would have been badly frightened by such a threat; but now, with friends of the people in the executive, legislative and judicial places of authority, things look different.

To show how promptly the new order of things works, a proposed amendment to the federal constitution was adopted by the State senate in a few minutes without debate, unanimously, as soon as it organized.