

with other essays by Mr. Darrow, has been issued by C. L. Ricketts, of Chicago. The volume is one which should appeal both as to matter and typographical beauty to lovers of the "Rubaiyat," which is the Persian pearl, and to admirers of Walt Whitman, who is the subject of one of the supplementary essays. In "The Persian Pearl" Mr. Darrow discloses religious impulses which have been diverted by hatred of pietism toward a pessimistic fatalism. If the essay were an argument, its ragged edges might be pointed out; but poetry does not admit of controversy, and this is poetic, though in the form of prose. It is worth remarking, however, that the conception of the "Rubaiyat" that there is no place for heaven or hell in space, but "I myself am heaven and hell" — of which Mr. Darrow makes much—was not an original discovery of the sensual Persian poet, but was declared at least a thousand years earlier in the words of the Nazarene when he said: "The kingdom of God cometh not with observation. Neither shall they say, Lo here! or lo there! for behold, the Kingdom of God is within you." But in what age this truth was discovered is of little moment, the first consideration being that it is a truth. It furnishes a key, moreover, to what might otherwise be a puzzling mystery in Mr. Darrow's pleasing essays. For through the clouds of fatalism that darken them all there come frequent flashes of spiritual light, of which the fatalist and the materialist and the pessimist and the self-centered utilitarian could have no realization. Democracy abhors fatalism; unselfish love of the race has no standing in the utilitarian courts of the materialist. But both sentiments deeply color Mr. Darrow's essays.

PERIODICALS.

In the Westminster Review (London, Paris and New York) for May, Francis Grierson plausibly foretells "The Doom of American Democracy," and Henry George, Jr., vividly and truly describes the conditions leading up to "The Next Depression in America."

—Louis Wallis contributes to the May number of the American Journal of Sociology (Chicago), in "Capitalization of Social Development," a new materialistic theory of sociology, whereby he arrives inductively at the same practical conclusion

Women's National Single Tax Conference.

(Change of Date.)

For the convenience of delegates expressing a desire to attend, the Executive Committee of the Women's National Single Tax League have deemed it advisable to change the time of holding the Annual Conference from the 12th, 13th and 14th, dates heretofore announced, to the 26th, 27th and 28th, of June, 1902. The Conference will be held at The Tuxedo, corner of 59th Street and Madison Avenue, New York City, beginning at 10:30 o'clock, Thursday morning, June 26th.

It is hoped that every state and territory will be represented by one or more delegates. The annual fee for club membership in the League is one dollar for every five members of the club. Individuals may also become members of the League upon payment of an annual fee of one dollar. Women desiring to attend the Conference, or wishing to be represented by proxy, can obtain desired information by addressing Mrs. John S. Crosby, President W. N. S. T. L., No. 7 West 106th Street, New York, N. Y. Friendly papers please copy.

that Henry George reaches deductively. Mr. Wallis's idea is that in the evolution of society, slavery and land monopoly were inevitable stages, the necessity for which has now passed; and that the so-called "unearned increment," heretofore properly enough appropriated to private use, could best be applied to public use. The article is one which the "scientific" cult of economists, who have evaded George's conclusions by denying moral principle as "unscientific," will need to turn their attention to.

The Colorado Campaign for Home Rule in Taxation.

A great opportunity is presented for advancing the cause of true tax reform in Colorado. Senator Bucklin has secured the passage of a bill to amend the constitution of Colorado by granting to each county of the state the power to exempt from taxation any property other than land values and franchises in public ways. The people are to vote on this amendment at the next election in November, and if approved by the people it becomes a part of the constitution of the state.

If this great reform is effected in Colorado its influence will be felt throughout the United States. The prospect of a favorable vote is excellent, as the amendment must receive only a majority of the votes cast for or against it and not, as in some states, a majority of all the votes polled at the election. The bill passed the Senate and Assembly with very little opposition, and Senators Teller and Patterson have both declared themselves in favor of the amendment. Senator Patterson is the owner of the "Rocky Mountain News," the most important paper in Colorado, and the support of this paper can be relied upon. The State Federation of Labor has endorsed the amendment, and many local Unions have pledged themselves to vote for it.

Some opposition has already developed, but the chief danger is that the amendment will not be sufficiently well understood to avert the danger of misrepresentation toward the end of the campaign.

It is the duty of everyone who understands the great social and economic change that can be brought about through scientific taxation to help to the full extent of his power. A national committee has been formed and makes an appeal for contributions. Money is needed for the spreading of literature on the subject and for the expenses of speakers. Let us give what we can, and promptly.

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