

SHALL WE CALL OURSELVES GEORGISTS?

EDITOR SINGLE TAX REVIEW:

With the greatest satisfaction we are learning, with such information as we are able to obtain, of the great progress your party is making and of the impulse being given to the Georgist ideas in your country.

We know also about the wide educational campaign under the auspices of Chatauqua, undertaken by Mr. Macauley; of the presentation of the candidatures of Mr. Joseph Dana Miller and other comrades for the government of New York City, as well as that the candidates of the Farmer-Labor Party have adopted the part of the Georgist platform which demands that the whole rent of the land shall be absorbed

by the State. We are also pleased to note that the new headquarters of the Party are installed in a central position, corner of 7th Ave. and 13th street, where, no doubt, the large poster which says: "The Rent of the Land Belongs to the People," will do a valuable educational work by engraving that profoundly revolutionary maxim on the minds of the millions of New York citizens.

And we also have learned of the internal changes in conception, and ideals, of which that Party itself is the result: The epoch of mistaken pusillanimity, which has hitherto prevented the expansion of our splendid doctrine in the colossal proportions which it deserves and which it is now on the eve of attaining.

But the real motive of the present letter, which we are taking the liberty of sending you, is the discussion started by the communications of Messrs. Eben Stillman Doubleday, J. A. Demuth and John B. McGauran, in the SINGLE TAX REVIEW of July-August, and September-October last.

After the first had established, with perfect logic, that "certainly the Single Tax is not a Tax," Mr. Demuth argues: "Why have we to struggle with the disadvantages of a name which calumniates us? We, the most logical people of the world!"

Mr. McGauran, on his part, observes that "the word Tax is odious, perhaps more odious now than ever before. . . . and why must the only group which advocates the abolition of all taxes be the only one that creates an obstacle to itself by means of a false, erroneous and unpopular name? We are not "taxers," since we are not in favor of any tax."

Those who are "taxers" are the Democrats and the Republicans; and a people abominably overburdened with taxes should not be led into confusion by an idiotic and senseless name or, according to the appropriate phrase of Mr. Doubleday, by an "ugly name."

These just observations lead one of them to propose the word "Commonwealthers," and to another "Abolitionists," in substitution of the term "Single Taxers," used till now with very poor results.

We believe that the subject is of the greatest importance, and that your Party should settle it boldly and immediately. We, who saw the difficulty in time, have already solved it by means of the adjective "Georgists," which we call ourselves. We take the liberty of proposing it and recommending it to the attention of your Party. We believe that any other name is necessarily insufficient. The words "abolitionists," "commonwealthers," or any other isolated ones cannot contain the whole significance of the doctrine, as certainly does the specific and unmistakable word, "Georgists."

In the confidence that our fraternal suggestions will be examined by you with the high purpose of attaining the greatest efficiency in the campaign of education in which we are all engaged, we send you cordial greetings and hope for a more frequent intercommunication. With the warmest wishes for the progress of your Party,

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