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## **Is It Worth While?**

Is it worth while to put the Land Value Tax into operation in Missouri and Oregon by 1913? Is it worth while to put the Single Tax into operation in Rhode Island? Is it worth while to try? That is what the Joseph Fels Fund Commission is doing. The Land Value Tax will be on the ballot in Oregon in 1912. If the majority of the voters in that State vote "Yes," the Single Tax on Land Values will be established. We shall see the beginning of the end of the present system of taxation by which labor is shut out from opportunity, and by which the profits of industry are divided among a few.

Is it worth while to abolish the tax system that disinherits the majority of your brothers and sisters? If you think it is worth while, will you help? If you have not contributed to the Joseph Fels Fund of America, will you contribute what you can? If you are a contributor, can and will you increase your subscription?

To do effective work for the Land Value Tax, money is needed to print effective literature and put it into the hands of the voters. We need votes, and without effective literature the votes needed in Missouri and Oregon will be impossible. The Commission spent not quite \$16,000 in the Oregon campaign of 1910 for County Home Rule in Taxation; the amendment was approved by a majority of more than 2,000. Was that worth while? Could that amount of money have been spent more effectively for the Single Tax in any other way?

Joseph Fels offered to give \$25,000 a year for five years to put the Single Tax into effect somewhere in the United States within five years, on condition that the Single Taxers of the United States would contribute an equal amount. Yet there are only 1,527 contributors to the Fund other than Mr. Fels, and their contributions—varying from 50 cents to \$500 a year apiece—total only \$16,569.69.

This is as much your cause as the cause of Joseph Fels. Is it worth while to work for your cause and contribute to it even to the extent of denying yourself? Joseph Fels is giving more than his \$25,000 a year; he is giving himself to this work. He offers to give \$50,000 or \$100,000 a year, and even more, if the Single Taxers of the United States will contribute that amount. Inspired by the example and full of the spirit of Henry George, Joseph Fels is giving his life to the cause of industrial freedom. Will you help make this a nation-wide movement? No battle for freedom was ever won without self-denial.

Inclosed are two subscription cards. Fill out one of them for such amount as you can contribute; persuade one of your friends to fill out the other, and send them to Daniel Kiefer, 530 Walnut Street, Cincinnati, Ohio.