

are not necessary in order to care for the returning soldiers. The problems of reconstruction, of unemployment, of social unrest, of demobilization, can all be solved by a straight-from-the-shoulder brand of Single Tax.

In the last issue I mentioned that a bill would be introduced in Congress to provide for a Department of Education and Human Welfare. The bill was introduced last week by Mr. Baer. It is a bill that would fully supplement any action looking towards opening up the land of the country. It provides for the establishment of agricultural-industrial schools that are to be self-supporting. Upon the completion of the course the government is to let the student have sufficient land to start for himself and lend him the money to carry him along until he becomes self-supporting. The government is to grant the land only for occupancy and use. There is to be no fee simple title. There can be no more speculation in public lands, and the government can acquire by purchase whatever land may be needed for this purpose, if the public domain is not yet suitable for the purpose. It is a comprehensive bill and should receive early action.

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Michigan

HARRY A. WHITE, ex-representative of the legislature from Grand Rapids, advises the Michigan Site-Value-Tax League against trying to influence the legislature to submit to the voters this Spring a constitutional amendment for site-value taxation. He considers that neither the legislators now grinding out laws at Lansing, nor the people who must eventually decide are sufficiently educated at this time to do the right thing. Mr. White is a Single Taxer, and has had experience in trying to induce unwilling legislators to pass laws for the general good.

F. F. Ingram, Single Taxer, well known in the world of radical ideas, who is now conducting an open forum in Detroit, where all kinds of radical ideas are championed, and which is crowded to the doors almost every Sunday afternoon has met with a loss of \$100,000 by having his factory catch fire from the printing office in the basement. It is hoped that the loss is fully covered by insurance, but this can only be determined after a careful investigation of what can be salvaged from the ruins.

The Michigan legislature is now wrestling with a proposal that there be levied on business men and other enterprising citizens a tax on incomes, to supplement that already levied by the general government. To do this will require a constitutional amendment, to be submitted to the voters in April, or in the Fall of 1920. A good number of Single Taxers are saying: "Serves business men right for not taking more interest in the proposed constitutional amendment for site-value-taxation, which would enable the State to obtain ample revenue without discouraging either industry or enterprise." Others are certain this movement is only another instance of the fact that

society is bound to try out every scheme of taxation before it finally accepts the right one.

Michigan Business Farming, having a large circulation in the State, has freely opened its columns to a thorough discussion of site-value taxation ideas. Some farmers cannot distinguish the difference between land and land value.

WARREN S. BLAUVELT, one of the vice-presidents of the Michigan Site-Value-Tax League, and who for over a year has been in Washington in governmental employ in charge of the coke distribution of the country, is back again in Detroit, as the fuel "lid" has been raised. With his return, the campaign among business men for site-value taxation is to be renewed with redoubled energy.

Mr. Blauvelt's services in the matter of addressing business men's meetings are being solicited for more and more by business men themselves. His address before the Michigan gas men, in which the necessity of better taxation methods was ably put, received recognition by being printed for general distribution among those making gas.

A. FALKEL, of Grand Rapids, believes that tax reformers of the Single Tax stripe should make use of the moving picture to teach economic truths. He writes to the secretary of the League advocating the immediate creation of appropriate films that would tell the story pictorially. "In my opinion," he says, "it would not only reach multitudes that lectures and literature are lost on, but it would appeal to women."

As MICHIGAN now has woman suffrage, giving at least 600,000 almost totally economically ignorant voters an opportunity to guide "the ship of state," an entirely new field of propaganda has been opened for site-value tax education. And it is the belief of many that a new line of literature must be prepared—something that appeals directly to the home-makers and the class who spend most of the wages earned by wealth producers.

While there are many women's clubs in the state, few of them take any interest in matters so vitally affecting society as the incidence of taxation. And yet these women are expected to vote intelligently. JUDSON GRENNELL.

Texas

I HAVE SEEN YOUR AD," a State Senator recently said when I was introduced to him. Every member of the House and Senate has seen our ad. They all know something of the Single Tax though with many the knowledge is very vague. Some of the members of the House and Senate are openly against our proposition and at the same time most of them confess that they do not understand it. What is worse for them these same fellows confess to no plan for changing the present burdensome system.

I am in receipt of a letter from one of our State Senators who opens by saying, "I am unalterably opposed to your Single Tax proposition." The next paragraph in his letter shows that he is wholly ignorant of the principle, and he concludes by saying that he "will fight any proposal to