

grabbing and boodle last spring. But the City Council majority has sought to bind them to the Morgan monopoly. They betrayed the people once. They must not be permitted to do so again. They promise a referendum, but they will not submit a fair question to a fair test. No trust can be put in any offer they make.

Chicago Examiner (Dem.), Jan. 2.—The need for another emergency petition has been forced on the people of Chicago by traitors in the City Council. These have deliberately postponed action on a possible referendum, under the Mueller law, until the time would be too short for an effective petition. Obeying the traction bosses, they have attempted to hoodwink the people of Chicago by promising a franchise referendum and secretly working to get the franchise steal through by default. Their record to date is mere evasion and by-play, so far as a popular vote is concerned. Having used up the time in which a referendum petition is possible, under the public policy law, they hope to pass their twenty-year ordinances by pleading a "silent referendum" and public apathy. They never intended you should block their franchise steal with the ballot. Your opportunity has come to take the situation into your own hands. See that your right to vote is not stolen as well as your streets.

#### THE CINCINNATI GAS JOB.

Akron (Ohio) Times-Democrat (Dem.), Dec. 28.—Wonder if John R. McLean has any interest in the gas companies which made the 30-year grabs at Cincinnati last night? The Enquirer is as silent on the subject as it was in regard to the cause of good government in the late campaign.

Cincinnati Post (Ind.), Dec. 28.—To-day in Cincinnati, as elsewhere, the greatest enemies of good government and freedom are not the open-and-above-board political mercenaries, like Mullen and Cox, but the high-class business grafters, who employ their wealth, respectability and family names that they may the more successfully betray the public interests to their private profit.

Cleveland Plain Dealer (Ind.), Dec. 28.—Acting in accordance with the boss' orders or influenced, possibly, by the reflection that it would be "the last thing they could do for George," the obedient Cincinnati council has passed, in spite of offers to pay cash for favors it was dispensing "without money and without price," an ordinance which turns the city over to the tender mercies of a natural gas monopoly for 22 years. . . . It is now "up to" Mayor Fleischmann to decide whether his last important official act shall be one of duty to Boss Cox or to the people of Cincinnati. In the light of the late election it is hard to see how any man can long halt between two opinions.

#### BRYAN AND FILIPINO INDEPENDENCE.

The Omaha World-Herald (Dem.), Dec. 30.—Bryan could have won applause by joining in their agitation, but he could have done them and the cause of liberty no real good. In America he is free to urge justice for the Filipino people. He may be greeted by jeers for a time, but he will be rendering a service to the cause of liberty. While he may be less popular in the Philippines because he is silent, and less popular in America because of his advocacy of independence, he is right in both cases.

Johnstown (Pa.) Democrat, Jan. 1.—It was a neat trap that was laid for Mr. Bryan. The Manila authorities "permitted" the Filipino patriots to assemble and place their cause before the Nebraska statesman. The expectation was that Mr. Bryan, under the inspiration of the moment, would give expression to views that could be used

with damaging effect against him in this country. According to cable dispatches Mr. Bryan "counseled obedience to the government." In fact, it seems that he succeeded in paraphrasing very neatly a certain statement made by the Great Teacher who once advised the rendering to Caesar the things that are Caesar's. Mr. Bryan appears to be quite able to take care of himself, even in Manila.

## RELATED THINGS

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#### THE MEN WHO DARE.

For The Public.

So long the world has prayed to Fear,  
And followed ruts of waste,  
'Tis shocked an alien call to hear  
Far from the way 'tis faced.

Yet men have dared defy the codes  
That sap our force to live,  
And led us where untrodden roads  
Had greater good to give.

Dissenters doubt, and weaklings whine,  
And misers clutch and cling  
To moldy gold, when songs divine  
Some new salvation bring.

So read the scrolls of history  
Down thro' each troubled age;  
Some Moses, without mystery,  
Rewrote an onward page.

Dead idols blink thro' ancient dust  
New miracles to see,  
And Caesar's sword in crumbling rust  
Is part of Fame's debris.

To-day the legions of the law  
That feed from Empire's trough,  
Stand sentinel, and point with awe  
To signs: "Our world. Keep off."

So will they swagger to the end,  
Thro' earth, and sea, and air,  
Until, around some rural bend,  
They meet the men who dare.

Then there will be no pompous speech—  
Rebellion will be heard;  
And simple hearts will rise to teach  
Some recent George the Third.

The Jeffersons and Lincoln save;  
The spirit, life must wear.  
Oppression ever calls the brave,  
And finds the men who dare.

GEORGE E. BOWEN.

#### AN APPLICATION OF HENRY GEORGE'S THEORY.

For The Public.

An important section of New York City has put the single tax into operation almost of its own accord. The plan, which is now permitted by law, is this: The usual officers collect a tax equal to the whole rental value of the site or situation occupied, and nothing else is taxed, neither personal property nor improvements, nor is any license required for conducting any business on the premises. Out of the proceeds of the tax are paid government and police and fire protection and such services as the public requires. As long as the tax is paid,

secure possession of the site is guaranteed.

The principle is carried out to the full, because where a place is occupied that has no rental value, nothing is charged for it, nor is anything charged for small transitory use, where it does not interfere with the privileges of others. The revenue derived from the site value has been found ample for all requirements.

These sections of New York are the hotels and the theaters. These have long carried out the single tax principle so faithfully that a man may conduct a business which brings him in thousands of dollars in his room at a hotel, and there is no higher charge for it; and although a man may laugh and applaud and have a splendid time at the theater, he is charged no more and is indeed even more welcome than the man who goes to sleep in his seat and snores and makes himself a nuisance, just like a vacant lot owner. The corridors and passage ways are open to all, free of charge.

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#### THE MAN WHO LIVES IN YOUR HOUSE.

From "I've Been Thinking," by Charles Battell Loomis. New York: James Pott & Company, 1905.

The Reader of Novels was wont to judge of a man's character by a few sharply defined actions set forth by the novelist, and the woman who scolded her children in the first, fifth and seventh chapters was, of course, a vixen. So also the man who spoke ungrammatically each time he made his appearance in the book was a man of low social position, and the fellow who refused to make Christmas presents was an incurably mean man.

Having become used to these snap judgments of his fellows by a constant reading of novels, the Reader flattered himself that he could judge of a man's character by the first thing he said or by the first thing that was said of him by his neighbor.

And it so happened that the Reader of Novels found himself in a strange place that did not seem to be on this earth at all, and a man with a noble brow and a weak chin and a strong mouth and near-set and lustrous eyes and a large nose and generous ears and large feet and small hands and a bull neck stood near by, and one who looked like a judge was talking about him and naming his characteristics.

"He was often cross to his wife," said the judge.