When a man gives his body to your machines and says, "Buy this, that I may keep my mind for progress, and give my heart to humanity," do you think to frighten him with more hours or heavier burdens or smaller pay?

Be not deceived.

His body laughs, under its scars, but his higher nature counts up this injustice against you.

When a man casts his physical strength into the industrial combat, or a woman delivers her unveiled beauty to the public market place, do you think this is only a cheap exchange for food, clothes and shelter?

They buried old John Brown, but the records didn't cover or stop his soul.

Remember *this* part, O butchers and brokers.

Remember the use of a heart is for humanity. That a mind reaches out to the stars, thro all the bolts and bars of your oppression, and interference.

Remember that the body belongs to these.

So that when you are counting the lives you have crucified you must add *minds* and *hearts*—if you know them.

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And until the last injustice is repaid, until the last mind is given recognition and right-of-way, until the last heart is comforted with the comfort of all other hearts, there will be sounding in your ears the insistent, accusing question:

How many lives?

How many lives?

O careless stewards of social equality and opportunity, heed the alarm!

GEO. E. BOWEN.

INCIDENTAL SUGGESTIONS

PROPOSED HISTORY OF THE LAND VALUES REFORM MOVEMENT.

December 12.—The need of a history of the land values reform movement in the different countries has long been felt, not only by the scientific students of the movement, but also by the workers actually engaged in it. The undersigned, who just now is engaged on a two years' trip round the world, in search of material, has got sufficient support and encouragement to make an effort to satisfy this requirement. I have already been promised help from prominent single-taxers in different countries, but I feel the necessity of having, if possible, every earnest land values reformer to assist in the work by supplying material and giving advice. You are kindly invited, therefore, to give particulars in reply to the following questions, and to make them as full as possible. Please send your answers in care of the editor of The Public.

Give particulars about:—

1. Any land values reform society which exists or has been in existence in your locality. If possible, add origin, membership, work, etc.

2. Deceased single tax papers; short historical sketch wanted.

3. Any living or dead land reformer in your locality who you think has served our cause to be worthy of notice in the work herein-before planned.

4. Propaganda methods used in your locality, which have been successful and are likely to be of value to workers elsewhere.

5. The attitude of the press towards our work.

6. The attitude of organized labor (trades-unions, co-operative societies, socialistic organizations, etc.) towards the taxation of land values. Copies of resolutions, platforms, etc., are required in this connection.

7. Land values taxation on platforms of political parties generally.

8. Valuable critics of our philosophy, methods of reform, system of education, etc., by friends, political economists, socialists and others.

9. Practical steps taken by legislation towards the realization of our aim which you think are not commonly known.

Thanking you in anticipation of your kind assistance, I remain,

JOHAN HANSSON,
Sikfors, B. J., Sweden.

NEWS NARRATIVE

To use the reference figures of this Department for obtaining continuous news narratives:

Observe the reference figures in any article; turn back to the page they indicate and find there the next preceding article, on the same subject; observe the reference figures in that article, and turn back as before; continue until you come to the earliest article on the subject; then retrace your course through the indicated pages, reading each article in chronological order, and you will have a continuous news narrative of the subject from its historical beginnings to date.

Week ending Monday, December 28, 1908.

"Government by Injunction."

The latest and most spectacular as well as farthest advanced example of "government by injunction," as Gov. Altgeld named these proceedings twelve years ago, has been afforded in the proceedings for contempt of a labor injunction which have been pending against leaders of the American Federation of Labor (pp. 758, 830) at Washington for several months past. These proceedings culminated on the 23d in the imposition of a prison sentence upon Samuel Gompers, John Mitchell and Frank Morrison.

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The proceedings were instituted before a United States judge of the District of Columbia by the Buck's Range and Stove Company of St. Louis, whose product is largely used by working people. This firm having refused to unionize its establishment, the American Federation of Labor placed

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