

iveness in the direction of early adoption of one Single Tax on the rental value of land, this desideratum to be obtained by political or legislative action, by "one fell swoop" in line with Luke North's idea, or, gradually accomplished within an eight years' period as advocated by David Gibson. I, personally, favor the latter idea, but I favor getting at it and *doing* it rather than forever merely *talking* about it.
Little Rock, Ark.

K. P. ALEXANDER.

FLOUNDERING IN A TRACKLESS SEA

EDITOR SINGLE TAX REVIEW:

Too long has the good old Single Tax ship been floundering around in the trough of a trackless social sea, and although we professed a belief that we were "on the way," the cold logic of facts proves we have been sailing around in a circle, not only "getting nowhere," but drifting backwards. Accept my congratulations on your resolve, put in your "best licks," and devote the columns of the REVIEW to the furtherance of the California and National Great Adventure for Single Tax—the one star of hope by which we can get our bearings and that will bring us into the harbor of success.
Philadelphia, Pa.

OLIVER MCKNIGHT

THE VOTE WILL BE RESPECTABLE, WHATEVER THE NUMBER

EDITOR SINGLE TAX REVIEW:

I know comparatively little of the independent Single Tax parties of the several States, of those behind them, their candidates or platforms, or the past or probable future support. If it can secure a respectable number of votes, then I think independent action is certainly wise.

Palo Alto, Cal.

JAMES W. BUCKLIN.

MISTAKES OUR PURPOSE

EDITOR SINGLE TAX REVIEW:

I think the editor would be better engaged in doing something else than trying to split Single Taxers into two factions.
New York City.

S. C. L.

SEES OUR PURPOSE AND APPROVES

EDITOR SINGLE TAX REVIEW:

I congratulate you on the new appearance of the REVIEW. It is a big step forward.

The real step forward, however, is the declaration of principle and policy for the future.—to further and advance and to preach the righteousness of the Single Tax, "only that and nothing more." Thank whatever Powers there Be!

The article which appealed to me most, in conjunction with the declaration of policy, was your editorial on the false leadership upon which the movement has well-nigh been wrecked. You have stated the facts and the truth with rare courage and insight. Single Taxers have been following after false gods. They have lauded and aided and elevated men rather than the great cause. Those in whom they have put their faith have failed them, not alone those of the faith, but the people whom they might have served. These leaders have bartered for fame, or position, or "my Lord Fat Purse," the privilege, as Henry George said, not merely of fighting for this great truth, but "if needs be," dying for it. But it will find the right Leaders yet—friends who will have the true vision, and who will neither for fame, fortune nor position lose sight for a single moment of this great truth.
New York City.

ADELAIDE YOUNGMAN.

KNOWS THE ADVANTAGE OF PARTY ACTION

EDITOR SINGLE TAX REVIEW:

In all probability you will call to mind that the writer supplied your publication with news items covering the political action undertaken by the Chicago Single Tax Club, in 1901-1903.

Having had charge of these campaigns, I am in a position to state that your decision, as announced in the *Public*, to devote your publication to the political end of the movement, is a sane and logical one.

Having had the experience of an academic propagandist, I am in a position to know the method that will produce the best results. There were many that were associated with me in the movement. Others I had open active opposition from that are now enthusiastically for it in California.

My experience taught me that the time to advance the cause was during political campaigns when the people became interested in politics and also when there was a possibility of forcing either of the old parties to debate the question. It also gave them the opposition for the office and the greatest headway is made in this way.

As long as we content ourselves to just talk, we are looked upon as harmless individuals with a fine theory.

Cleveland, Ohio.

G. J. FOYER.

SOCIALISM AND SINGLE TAXERS

EDITOR SINGLE TAX REVIEW:

It has always seemed strange to me how the socialistic heresies managed to permeate the minds of a good many of the people in our movement to the extent they have, when it always appeared to me that the two theories were diametrically opposed, except in the intentions of both to better the condition of mankind, and if it is a question of good intentions, we can cheerfully align ourselves with the honest stalwart Republicans, and all other honest groups. The peculiar position most Socialists have taken toward the issues of this war ought to enlighten some of our wandering Single Taxers by revealing the mental eccentricities of men who believe that progress can only be accomplished by making everybody dependent on the government. Of course anyone who adheres to that theory is bound to be thrown into the arms of the Hohenzollerns, just as has occurred with the majority of the Socialists. I think those Socialists who hope for a German victory are absolutely consistent.

I believe, too, that Single Taxers have been far too complacent in hitching up with various long-haired personalities. It has gotten so the public generally regard Socialism, Single Tax and Peruna as about the same sort of remedies, and we are damned on general principles, like poor dog Tray. So, if you are fortunate enough to be able to do anything to improve the situation, I shall rejoice.

Rockledge, Fla.

CRAIG RALSTON.

Mr. Ralston is author of that famous Single Tax pamphlet "The Shovelcrats," which has had an immense circulation.—EDITOR SINGLE TAX REVIEW.

SAVE YOURSELVES

EDITOR SINGLE TAX REVIEW:

Heatless days, wheatless days and other short ration periods are mild enough now, but may be maddening by next winter. We need full crops and it is plowing time now. There is no real shortage of labor—there never has been—all that hinders us from producing in plenty is monopoly of land. Mother Earth urges us with wide open arms to take of her bounty. The Single Tax light has blazed for forty years, yet men seem to love darkness rather than light. Single Tax on land values would place the wealth of Croesus in our hands, but we do not take it because we will not. When will the world awake?
Rochester, N. Y.

F. D. WORTHINGTON.

THE WORK IN CLEVELAND

EDITOR SINGLE TAX REVIEW:

The article on "Independent Political Action" in the last REVIEW says: "There is the utter collapse of Single Tax organization everywhere." I challenge the statement. Our local club has had an enrollment of 300 who have paid dues. The club, during four years under its present form, has secured more than two hundred engagements for our local speakers and fully forty for visiting speakers, besides holding numerous meetings, dinners, luncheons and an extremely successful Sunday school, in which hundreds of new faces have been seen. The speaking engagements have been with women's clubs, social centers and debating and literary societies. Our speakers have even talked in neighborhood gatherings, held in residences, and in school houses and pulpits. We have sent speakers to surrounding towns and villages.

The Cleveland Single Tax Club has sent by mail many thousands

of pieces of literature, not in a haphazard way but to carefully selected addresses, many of them provided by personal friends. Often letters have accompanied the pamphlets, requesting attention to our ideas. Sometimes our members sign these letters to persons of their acquaintance. We know this work has had excellent results.

We have developed new workers and speakers. The interest of many members has been quickened by the Club, and they have gone out into all avenues with the Single Tax message. I could give many interesting results of this missionary work.

We have secured an enormous amount of local newspaper publicity; we have coached college and high school debating teams; we have attracted inquirers to our meetings and secured their names and addresses; during the past year we sold sixty copies of "Progress and Poverty" and "Social Problems" and many Single Tax pamphlets; we have advertised "Progress and Poverty" so that it requires a large number of copies at the public library to meet the demand; and we have quickened thought on economic matters more than any other agency in northern Ohio has done.

Our letters and folders sent to organizations to secure speaking engagements have been prepared with care and in themselves are of propaganda value. They have been read by secretaries at meetings of many societies.

And this matter we send out, and the speeches made by our volunteers, disprove another of your assertions, namely: that Single Tax work has degenerated into a mere fiscal discussion. We are ready, when called upon to do so, to expound the Single Tax as an improvement in raising public revenue, but in the main we emphasize those features of George's philosophy which give it distinction, and without which none of us would be giving our time and money.

My experience and observation cover more than thirty years of Single Tax activities, and I confidently assert that there is more boldness today in preaching the land question than there was when I was young. Our method being better understood, we are not so often required to enter into discussions of taxation.

If you knew the facts regarding the Ohio Site Value Taxation League I am sure you would make ample apology. We have headquarters in the capital of the State, fitted up with property insured for \$1,000, including a multigraphing and small printing plant. All the manufacturers of the State have been reached by the League's efforts, and most gratifying responses have been received both in checks and questions indicating interest. A list of all the school teachers in Ohio and of about 15,000 farmers have been secured and their attention is to be called to the Single Tax. The man who superintends this work at Columbus is W. P. Halenkamp. He earns his living in other lines and gives time and money to our cause. Why discourage him? He is doing an exceedingly useful, if not spectacular work, preparing the way for a big fight at the polls.

We are satisfied that the Massachusetts Single Tax League is alive and moving. We know that the Toronto Club has been a real force in Ontario for two decades. Michigan Single Taxers appear to be organized for serious work. Luke North is stirring up California. In Missouri there is prospect of another campaign, better organized than was the first one. The Chicago Single Tax Club has had no funeral I have heard of. The political party Single Taxers seem to be a lively bunch, full of fiery zeal. Morton, Brown, Towne, Bengough, and others are lecturing because of support by organization.

Again I say: Don't worry, and encourage all kinds of Single Tax activity.

HOWARD M. HOLMES, Secretary Cleveland Single Tax Club.

REPLY: We do not want to discourage any kind of Single Tax activity, and we are glad to know that our Cleveland friends are doing such excellent work. Mr. Holmes, however, is not so well informed as to activities elsewhere. Neither Mr. Brown nor Mr. Morton, who are doing valuable work for the cause, are kept going by organization, but by the contributions of individual Single Taxers interested in their work.

Further discussion along this line is profitless. We have not contended that no Single Tax organization can show anything for its

efforts, but that after thirty years results are utterly disproportionate to labor expended and opportunities presented, and that the form of political party organization gives, for a variety of reasons, the greater promise of results in enlisting and retaining converts. A politico-economic theory will not thrive as an academic proposal save as an interesting but harmless social philosophy for the closet. It must be translated into forms of political action. Neither can we sit down and talk about it till some other political party evinces a readiness to take it up. Henry George's political conduct was wiser and more far-seeing than his advice—that is, if those have correctly understood him who contend that certain utterances of his lend themselves to this interpretation. *Henry George brought the Single Tax into politics by going into politics—and he did it even after the discouragement of 1887.*

EDITOR SINGLE TAX REVIEW.

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Friends of the REVIEW who have pledged their contributions to its sustention fund are urged to remit at their earliest convenience. Those who have not yet responded to the appeal and want to see the REVIEW kept going are asked to add to the maintainance fund, which does not yet meet its barest necessities.

Those whose subscriptions have expired and who have been duly notified are asked to make prompt renewals. The REVIEW in its new form and under its new policy is attracting increased favorable attention. It aims to represent internationally the progress of the movement. There is a need of just such a periodical. Single Tax Party activity is fast becoming the dominant note in the move-