

PROSPERITY.

Editor *Single Tax Review*:

The Druggist was sitting in the back of his store awaiting the return of prosperity. There entered a man neatly but poorly dressed, who said, "You have nice children, I see. I would like to sell you a ticket to have their photographs taken."

The Druggist said, "No, not today," and turned to his book, but suddenly a queer ejaculation and an even more startling look on the face of the man arrested his attention. With an impulse of good nature, the Druggist said, thinking of his little daughter, "Well, you may let me have one," and then looked more closely at the man.

"Thank God," said he; "I have been three months out of work and am starving. I have been trying to sell these tickets all day, and this is the first one I have disposed of."

Then the Druggist mentally asked himself how soon if the present prosperity continued he may be peddling patent medicines with as little success as his friend the ticket seller.

And it might be well for some of our more prosperous friends to ask themselves the same question.

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THE CONSERVATIVES DUG THE
GRAVE OF LANDLORDISM.

Editor *Single Tax Review*:

It seems as if the British Budget is already getting in its good work.

In the issue for May 1st of the *Macclesfield Courier and Herald*, a rank Tory paper, I saw a notice that Sir Robert Peel, Bart., has already offered his Drayton Manor estate, Tamworth, (all but his mansion and three thousand acres) for sale. I do not know how much land there is in this estate, but if one can judge anything from the "all but" his mansion and three thousand acres are as a mere bagatelle compared to the original estate entire, and yet some people no doubt wonder why England has an unemployed

problem on her hands. No doubt our protection friends think it is due to her free trade policy. But Single Taxers who have studied economic conditions know why England and other countries have an unemployed problem to solve, as no doubt do those who at present have the destinies of the English people in their hands.

What little information I have gleaned from reading this "Tory" paper, in regard to English politics, it seems to me that the conservatives, by insisting on the enormous increase in naval appropriations and old age pensions, sought to dig a ditch, wherein it could bury Liberalism and its free trade policy; but, from all indications, it seems likely to prove the grave of Landlordism in England. God grant that it may.

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SHALL WE ELECT SINGLE TAXERS
TO OFFICE?.

Editor *Single Tax Review*:

Mr. Doblin, in his article on "Scientific Agitation" in May-June *REVIEW*, appeals to men, but at risk of being perniciously active, I venture to have my say.

Mr. Doblin urges Single Taxers to seek public office. This paragraph might appropriately have had an editorial footnote suggesting that the author recall Kipling's:

"Ye are wise, and ye know what the jest is worth."

The few men in public life who really serve the public are not New Yorkers.

Just at present there is no chance of success for any one wishing to serve the public, and a Single Taxer with his business eye fixed on a chance to serve the "interest" will not help the cause very much.

When platforms are honest (Mr. Doblin seems to have forgotten to say whether Single Taxers should take any notice of platforms) and when Single Taxers run on such platforms and refuse to bow to the dictation of bosses who serve the "interest," then, and not till then, should they have the support of the body of our believers.

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