

## OREGON WANTS FREEDOM

In Oregon there is a group of rare, common people who are a hundred per cent human. They are not seeking to remodel the world, but they are trying to do the thing at hand; they are struggling against great odds to free the idle land of Oregon held out of use by landlords. They have succeeded in placing an amendment on the ballot so that the voters can vote this fall as to whether or not the unused land shall be taxed the same as the used land. If this amendment carries, holding land out of use will become unprofitable and will kill landlordism. Single Taxers maintain that if human beings are made in the image of God, then they should have the same privilege as the birds of the air and be able to build their nests or homes any place not in use.

Henry George's Single Tax idea is the most radical, yet the most constructive and practical reform before the world today. He realized that when some people get something they do not earn, there must be others who earn something they do not get, and yet he fully realized that the rich are no worse or better than the poor; changing them about would not remedy conditions. Single Tax would simply change the system, giving the souls of men a chance to grow. Single Tax is a "made in America" one hundred per cent human reform, and can be brought about by a battle of ballots. Remember! There is nothing that so frightens the dignified Shylocks as intelligence displayed at the ballot box. Single Tax may not be a cure for all of our economic ills, but it is a big step in the right direction. It simply means to take the shackles off of struggling humanity. The drones may then have to cut their own toenails, but we would have fewer insane asylums, prisons, poorhouses and potter's fields.

When the dignified Shylocks want to control a political convention so as to guide the ship of state down the golden stream of profit, they do not make any noise about it but just reach for their check book. Single Taxers, too, would guide the ship of state, not through a selfish golden stream, but towards the century's golden dream of freedom.

Remember! It is easy for special privilege to raise a million or more in order to retain their position. Do you hear the cries and feel the heart throbs of awakening humanity? They are the ones who have been disinherited by the greed of man. They are just commencing to realize that free access to the unused land means equal opportunity. How many friends have you who would give a dollar or more in order to make this golden dream a reality? If you want to help in this great earthly movement without expecting any personal reward, get your friends to send their contributions, together with your own, to J. R. HERMANN, 316 Stock Exchange Building, Portland, and do it Now! Now! Now!

In order to free the land in Oregon we must hold our remedy high up before the people, and you know publicity costs money. Turn all your good intentions into cash. This is not a whine for charity, but a demand for justice. It is the real Goddess of Liberty knocking at your door.

Yours for a better world,  
GERRIT J. JOHNSON.