

Assemblyman Edward A. Miller, of Brooklyn, who introduced the bill, represents the 21st District of Kings County, and is the only Single Taxer in the Legislature. He was elected on the Democratic ticket in 1902, the district having previously been Republican, and he was re-elected last year.

DEATH OF JOSEPH FAIDY.

Joseph Faidy entered into rest at his home in New Orleans, on March 6th. By his sudden death the Single Tax movement loses one of its most staunch and devoted friends. He had made economics his special study for many years, and he took a keen intellectual delight in discussion. Everything that concerned the welfare of the people interested him. He might have said of himself in the words of the old Greek dramatist, "I am a man, therefore nothing human is foreign to me."

Mr. Faidy's death came as a painful shock to his family and friends. Returning home in the evening he was preparing to attend a Single Tax lecture when he was taken suddenly ill and died shortly after.

Mr. Faidy was a native of New Orleans and belonged to one of the oldest and most respected families in Louisiana. He was an only child, and it was but a few short years ago that both his parents preceded him to the grave.

Mr. Faidy was but thirty-two years old at the time of his death. He was singularly polished and cultivated in manner and speech, and had many friends. He had written much for Single Tax publications, and one of his articles is the occasion of the symposium on the interest question contained in the present issue.

Mr. Faidy's tenderness and the humane instincts which impelled him are shown in a bequest in his will, of which he was his own testator. In this bequest he leaves to the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, of New Orleans, the sum of \$100 for the prevention of suffering among homeless dogs by merciful extermination. To Prof. James H. Dillard, of Tulane University, he leaves \$250, to be used at Mr. Dillard's discretion for the purpose of advancing the Single Tax movement in New Zealand. Following this bequest Mr. Faidy says:

"I believe that the purposes which Henry George sought to achieve can be sooner accomplished by the purchase of the land by the government than by means of the Single Tax, on account of the opposition which the latter arouses among land owners, and I believe that nationalization by purchase is practicable, because the ownership of ground rent by the State would abolish all interest. The objection which is urged against nationalization by purchase that it would create a large and perpetual burden of interest incurred, therefore disappears. I arrived at the conclusion after long think-

ing on it, but found that a German named Michael Flurscheim had made the same discovery eleven years ago. It seems to have been discovered also by the authors of 'The Story of My Dictatorship.' This bequest is made not so much for the good that it can do in itself, but as a suggestion to other Single Taxers who can afford to give more to not forget the cause in their wills.

"I think, too, that the greatest good can be done for the cause by trying to help it in the country where it is already most advanced, and so giving a practical demonstration to the rest of the world."

These words from the hand made so suddenly cold and lifeless have unusual solemnity. Not all Single Taxers are in agreement with Mr. Faidy in this opinion—perhaps few are—but all are one with him in the objective aim.

There have lived few men whose devotion to truth and humanity was so intense. All that is mortal of him is gone, but his work survives him, and his memory will remain a loving inspiration to those who knew him.

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DEATH OF JOHN FARRELL.

The news reaches us through *Land Values* of Glasgow, Scotland, of the death of John Farrell, whose fame as a Single Taxer was international. It was John Farrell who accompanied Henry George on his Australian tour, and it was he who was foremost in upholding under the Southern Cross the banner of human freedom as Single Taxers see it. We cannot do better, in summarizing the great service John Farrell rendered the cause, than to quote Mr. Lewis H. Bereins' tribute to the dead leader and poet of Australia published in *Land Values* for March:

"John Farrell was no common man. As a poet his verses, more especially, perhaps, those entitled "How He Died," which are redolent with the best spirit of life in "the bush," have made him known throughout Australasia. As a Single Taxer, his great services to the cause, more especially his organization of Henry George's tour through Australia, have made him known to his co-workers throughout the length and breadth of the civilized world.

Born in South Africa of Irish parentage, John Farrell was early thrown upon his own resources, and unaided left to fight his battle with the world, getting the hard-bought knowledge of men and things that only comes that way. Seaman, miner, brewer, bushman, drover, now at one thing, now at another, as has been the lot of so many of the best men in Australia, he at last drifted into up-country journalism; and when I first heard of him (in 1888) was editing, as an avowed Single Taxer, *The Lithgow Enterprise*, still flourishing as *The*