

The gold on the floors of the rivers  
Is a glittering mockery then—  
In the *water* the Gods are the givers  
Of riches to men.

## EPODE

O waves of the far circling Ocean,  
O Father Poseidon, to thee  
We turn with a soul of emotion,  
To the marge of the loud-sounding sea.  
Ye venturous triremes and galleys  
That trade from the Lycian shore,  
Go forth with a kiss from our valleys—  
Then homeward once more!

(Toward the end of the dance Glaucus and the slave return. Glaucus, finding the wood emptied of the children, enters it and covertly helps himself to a meal made up of pilferings from the baskets.)

The dance being concluded, the curtain falls.

## END OF ACT I

## The Income Tax

I CANNOT agree with the statement that the worst aspect of the income tax is the comparatively few who pay it. The income tax confuses the unthinking as to human or natural rights; it corrupts morals and ideals; it appeals to passion and ignorance; it makes no distinction between earned and unearned fortunes; it disturbs business and aggravates the unemployment problem; it causes monstrous litigation, disputes and chicanery; it increases the cost of raising revenue; it creates a new profession, that of "tax expert."

Most of our numerous methods of taxation produce bad results not foreseen by legislators. Income and inheritance taxes are popular on the theory that the condition of the poor can be improved by taxing the rich, or "wealth," or "capital." Socialists teach that error. Republicans, Democrats and Progressives encourage it. La Follette's platform causes wonder as to how he would raise revenue if there were no rich to tax.

You show in your interesting editorial of July 8 that the bulk of income taxes falls on citizens of small fortunes. Wage and salary earners are unable to dodge; when the rich dodge, it disarranges industry and decreases opportunities for employment.

If we must use the income tax, common sense calls for:  
1—Abolishing all other taxes, for they reduce incomes.  
2—Having a uniform rate as low as possible. 3—No exemptions or exceptions whatever. 4—Utmost publicity.

HOWARD M. HOLMES, in *Cleveland Plaindealer*.

"I HAVE the right to live because I breathe and because the air is common property of everybody."

—GUY DE MAUPASSANT, in *The Vagabond*.

## NEWS—DOMESTIC

## Illinois.

FOLLOWING are the names of electors of the Commonwealth Land party in Illinois:

Malcolm P. Black, Ernest N. Braucher, Lillian B. Cronin, Mary C. Connor, Lorenzo C. Daniels, Walter E. Elfrink, William A. Gilbert, Andrew A. Gour, Henry P. Hansen, Henry H. Hardinge, William Edward Harper, Charles Henry Hartmen, James Derrel Hart, Oscar E. Hedrich, Charles J. F. Kraft, Axel Lyngholm, Barbara C. Leu, C. Edward L'Hommedieu, George Chandler Madison, Jennie L. Madison, John O'Connor, Alexander Pernod, Frederick Peake, Anton S. Rossing, Detlef Sievers, William K. Smith, William D. Tate, Carl G. Williams, and H. Edward Williams.

The Commonwealth Land party have nominated a full state ticket in Illinois, as follows: For United States Senator, Lewis Dana Spaulding; for Governor, Morris Lychenheim; for Lieutenant-Governor, John B. Reilly; for Secretary of State, William A. Wittick; for State Auditor, John F. Cronin; for State Treasurer, Robert T. Aiston; for Attorney-General, Joseph W. Vistain; for Trustees of the University of Illinois, Hulda L. Potter Loomis, Albert Henniges, and Clayton J. Ewing; for Congress, Dora Welty and James W. Hill.

Illinois Single Taxers all over the state are wheeling into line for party action. The inspiring presence of James A. Robinson, the National Organizer, who has been for two months in the state, has been the means of stirring the apathetic to action, and our readers will note in the foregoing list the large number of names not hitherto affiliated with the party.

Under date of July 7 Mr. Robinson writes: "I am gratified to be able to report that the feeling in Illinois toward our party is much more favorable than it was four years ago, and that the action of the Cleveland Convention has proved greatly disappointing to the Progressives in Chicago. I addressed three thousand persons in Washington Park, and to my appeal for abandonment of hero worship, naming Bryan, Roosevelt and La Follette as types, received an ovation. I presented the claims of our party and was amazed at the generous approbation, the number of sympathetic questions asked, and the invitation to make a return date extended by viva voce vote. A Mr. Lamb, of Chicago, was present and exhausted his stock of books and pamphlets, actually *selling all he had with him, quite a stack*. Mr. Madison, a staunch party man, helped at this meeting, and Dr. Joseph H. Grier, a former socialist, announced his conversion to the Commonwealth Land party and made a generous contribution to the campaign expenses."

## Maine

THE Commonwealth Land party will be on the ballot in this state where Mr. Noyes and Dr. Plummer are busy. The electors in this state are Eugene M. Edwards, of Lisbon; Nellie A. Noyes, of Lewiston; Thomas Marsden, of Portland; Elmer E. Knowles, of Portland; George E. Kittredge, of South Portland; and Woodbury W. Brown, of Durham.

## Massachusetts

THE state ticket of the Commonwealth Land party is now complete, and is as follows: For Governor, Hollis C. Joy; for Lieutenant Governor, George D. Ashgate; for Secretary of State, A. Task; for Treasurer of State, Olive Gray Haszard; for State Auditor, Winnifred B. Cossette; for Attorney General, Frank Chodorov; for United States Senator, Irving W. Masters.

Following are the presidential electors of the Commonwealth Land party: Michael C. O'Neil, Edmund J. Burke, James R. Carret, Robert B. Capon, Weldon L. Crossman, William J. McGuinness, George N. Norton, Benjamin A. Whittemore, Mary Dana Hicks Prang, Rosa Prang Heinzen, Henry H. Pierce, Harry Ashley Haszard, John H. O'Neill, Heinrich Conrad Bierwirth, Samuel C. McLaughlin, Charles S. Millet, Elizabeth C. Millet, Hollis C. Joy, George D. Ashgate, A. Task, Olive Gray Haszard, Winnifred B. Cossette, Frank Chodroov, Irvin W. Masters.

## New Jersey

THE New Jersey State convention of the Commonwealth Land party, formerly the Single Tax party, was held at the Robert Treat Hotel, Newark, on Saturday June 14. The National Candidates, Wm. J. Wallace of New Jersey, for President, and Joseph C. Lincoln of Ohio, for Vice President, were endorsed, and the national platform ratified. Herman G. Loew of Passaic, received the nomination for United States Senator.

Candidate Wallace, in a brief but excellent speech, called attention to the fact that the new political party was the only one in the field whose platform stood for economic freedom and permanent prosperity for the masses of the people. The only one, as the platform states, that "appears as the opponent of unearned wealth or incomes obtained from land ownership which is the foundation of monopoly, nor as the defender of wealth honestly acquired from labor, industry, enterprise, talent or invention."

Copies of the platform may be obtained from Wm. B. DuBois, 27 W. 34th Street, Bayonne.

The following were named as Presidential Electors to be voted for next November:

Henry Ware Jones, Upper Montclair; Mark M. Fagan, Jersey City; David L. Thompson, North Plainfield; Gaston

Haxo, North Long Branch; Wm. B. DuBois, Bayonne; Henry G. Seaver, Westfield; Edwin Jones, Westfield; Henry S. Ford, Camden; Henry Moore, Mountain View; George L. Rusby, Nutley; Walter J. Triner, Caldwell; John H. Allen, Orange; David Kisch, Palisade.

## Rhode Island

THEY have begun in Rhode Island what D. S. Fraser calls "soap boxing" during the Summer months. No state ticket will be nominated and the friends of the Commonwealth Land Party will devote their efforts to popularize the principle as far as this can be done with the meagre resources at command.

Following are the presidential electors in this state: John T. Giddings, James A. Doran, Joseph P. Carter, Jeremiah Sweeney and David S. Fraser.

## Single Tax Candidates In New South Wales

MR. E. J. CRAIGIE, Secretary of the South Australian Single Tax League, and Mr. Harry Frick, did splendid work in the recent election when they stood for the two seats in the Flinders electorate. Mr. Craigie reached within 300 votes of election. He writes: "We addressed a big lot of meetings, travelled over 2,500 miles, in addition wrote matter for the *People's Advocate*, and a host of letters to correspondents in all parts of the district. The campaign just concluded has been the means of educating a big number of people on single tax principles. I think we can claim that every vote recorded for us was an intelligent single tax vote. With another three years' educational work we should win."

*Progress, Melbourne Australia*

THE American people have been thoroughly informed concerning their burdens of national, state, and municipal taxation, and are voicing their insistent demand for lower taxes. There is another burden that Labor and Capital, engaged in the production and distribution of useful things, is forced to carry, estimated by competent authorities at about \$6,000,000,000 annually, which is never mentioned in current discussions of what the economists tell us is the approaching downward trend of the business cycle. This is the payment for the use of the land which Capital and Labor utilize in various ways in industry or commerce—in other words, the old familiar entity, economic rent. When Mr. Average Citizen gets the tax situation settled to his satisfaction possibly he may find it profitable to give some consideration to the question: What does the owner of land give in return for the large share of the annual wealth production that he receives.

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