

and much capital to build sugar mills and finance the machinery of export—that we admit. But the present equation is a hardship on thousands. Vast numbers must soon migrate, or else some speedy method of small-farm allotment must be found.”

—The Island of Too Many People. *The Nation's Business.*

Land Slavery In Mexico

A GOOD many different reports have come to us in the United States about President Obregon. Considering the many deadly enemies he has made, I wonder that the unfavorable reports do not outnumber the favorable, for he has been fighting a hard and often a ruthless battle to free the peons, to give them land and to make Mexico a nation of free people instead of a nation half free and half slave. He is fighting for the common, everyday man, and that is why I like him. He has been freeing the slaves, for the peons have been merely slaving, and of course he has the hatred of the big landowners who have grown rich on what amounts to slave labor.

SAMUEL M. VAUCLAIN in *Colliers.*

Putting A Tax On Thrift

A RESIDENT of Santa Barbara living in the outskirts of the city owns a building lot which adjoins his home. While he keeps his own garden in splendid condition, with lawns and flowers flourishing, the lot adjoining is utterly neglected.

A neighbor and friend asked him why he did not give a little attention to the other lot and add to the appearance of the entire street.

His reply is significant. He said: "Not much. If I plant and cultivate the lot the city assessor will increase my taxes on the ground that the lot has been improved."

In other words, this man, and many others hold the same views, prefers to have a wilderness of weeds and dead grass adjoining his home rather than spend money to cultivate his lot, simply because he knows that the penalty is an increase in taxes already high.

Whether the city assessor actually does carry the policy of taxing thrift and industry to this extent, *The News* does not pretend to say. That the methods of taxation accomplish in general this result can not be doubted.

The whole system of taxation puts a penalty on the thrifty. The man who maintains the weed patch and the boulder-strewn and unkept lawn profits by the industry of the careful citizen who desires to make his property attractive.

The belief that higher taxation will be the penalty for developing property is keeping many a piece of property in an unsightly condition.

Such methods retard the development of the city and lay an actual tribute on thrift.

Santa Barbara (Calif.) *News.*

Commonwealth Land Party News

LATER news from Wisconsin and Michigan is disquieting. Attempts are being made in both states to keep the Commonwealth Land Party off the ballot. This will not be done without a fight and full details must be left for our next issue. In both states the La Follette forces are behind these attempts to prevent the voters expressing their wishes at the poles.

In New Jersey where we are securely on the ballot the following named are the presidential electors for Wallace and Lincoln. Readers will observe that this last is revised from that printed in an earlier issue of *LAND AND FREEDOM.*

Henry S. Ford, Joseph Ferguson, John T. Mason, Joseph H. Rusby, Wm. B. DuBois, Gaston Haxo, Henry G. Seaver, David Mogeey, Harry T. Topping, Alice Smith, A. M. White, D. Kirch, James D'Alessandro, Robert T. Shannon.

Herman G. Loew is candidate for U. S. Senator, and in Essex County a full Assembly ticket will appear on the ballot as follows:

Henry Ware Jones, Alfred Bourgeois, Charles A. Sherwood, George L. Rusby, Thomas Walker, Charles Mack, Adelia Grace Wallace, J. V. B. Parkes, Walter J. Triner, Charles E. Pennington, Sarah A. Gibson, James G. Thorp.

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Single Tax Alphabet

(With Australian Illustrations).

A—stands for Abundance, which necessarily follows in proportion as you liberate industry and free trade. The reason why there is so much poverty in the midst of abundance is because the workers are prevented by Land Monopoly from gaining access to the source of all wealth, whence they could obtain the necessaries of life without begging others to give them a job.

B—stands for Business, which taxation of every kind, except on land values, hampers and restricts.

C—stands for (1) Capital, which is merely the results of labor saved up to facilitate production, and which should be, therefore, the friend and not the enemy of Labor. Labor's real enemy is Land Monopoly, which defrauds both Labor and Capital of the reward which is their due.