

On behalf of the Single Taxers of Philadelphia and its vicinity permit me to thank you for your kindly editorial on the passing of Frank Stephens of Arden. A man of brilliant mind, unusual ability and with a most loveable disposition, he gave up almost the whole of a long life to the service of his fellow-men. For half a century his main object was to bring about better social conditions through the adoption of the Henry George philosophy. No effort was too arduous and no sacrifice too great if the Single Tax cause could be helped by it.

He did not live to see the day of its coming but it is good to know that his unselfish work for the benefit of others was not unappreciated by many who knew him even if they did not see eye to eye with him as regards mankind's right to the use of the earth.

It was somewhat of a coincidence that on the day of his cremation the State Senate of Harrisburg should have defeated, by a vote of 32 to 17, the first bill ever before a Pennsylvania Legislature to give a measure of the Single Tax to the City in which Henry George, the Apostle of the Single Tax, was born. However, in view of the general lack of knowledge as to the Single Tax and its workings it is encouraging to know that 17 of our Senators would vote for such a measure. For no work had been done except on the committee which reported the bill favorably. So, if Frank Stephens were still here, he would be encouraged by the result of this vote.

#### A TRIBUTE FROM GRACE COLBRON

A living flame, smouldering always, then flashing out in bursts of brilliance . . . that was Frank Stephens.

As man . . . each day a new adventure for him. Nothing that had gone before could spoil his zest for each new happening.

As Thinker and Fighter . . . enlisting heart and soul for a dozen reforms but always in final clear realization of what was greatest of all; willing to sacrifice all the others for what he felt was fundamental Truth.

The sort of man to whom no one could remain indifferent. One either liked him whole-heartedly . . . or disliked him vehemently . . . sometimes both at one and the same time. That was Frank Stephens.

As speaker . . . one of the best. Standing at first with eyes half-closed, the rich voice muted, apparently neither caring for, or even aware of, his audience. Then gathering them up in growing fervor, sweeping them away in a torrent of eloquence that held them spellbound, thrilled, shaken. That was Frank Stephens.

Memory brings up one experience of Frank Stephens as speaker.

An actor friend was my guest, a man of intelligence, himself a good speaker with a fine voice which he knew how to use. We sat facing the audience. Frank was at his best that night.

Once I glanced at my friend. He was studying the audience intently. When the applause died away, I turned to get his reaction. It was enthusiastic. "I have never seen anyone, speaker or actor, hold an audience so completely in his power. He drew them up to the heights, then flung them down to the depths, almost in one breath. He played on their emotions as an organist might play on his great keyboard. It was magnificent."

Yes, even to an outsider, that was Frank Stephens. To us his comrades, and to the cause in which all his power was enlisted, his loss goes deep.

**F**ATHER COUGHLIN denounces the tariff as a sales tax operating entirely in favor of big business. Since all taxes on industry hurt the weak more than the strong the good father tells us nothing new, but it is nevertheless encouraging to note this glimmer of light in his tax programme.

## On the March With John Lawrence Munroe

FIELD DIRECTOR, THE HENRY GEORGE SCHOOL OF  
SOCIAL SCIENCE

SPEAKING APPOINTMENTS, MAY-JUNE, 1935

(With the approximate attendance and the name of person by whom each appointment was secured.)

Indianapolis, Ind.—Public meeting in Cropsey Auditorium, Public Library; 20; William E. Barker, Chairman; May 31.

Covington, Ky.—Junior Chamber of Commerce; 60; Paul C. Williamson, Pres.; arranged by Charles H. Haase; June 3.

Dayton, O.—Annual Banquet, School of Commerce, Y. M. C. A. Junior College; 25; Dean Alan S. Wilson; June 4.

Cincinnati, O.—Conference, home of Rabbi Michael Aaronsohn, 318 Forest Avenue, 18; June 5.

Niles, O.—Exchange Club; 30; James F. Wick; June 17.

Youngstown, O.—United Labor Congress; 50; John F. Conroy; June 17. Henry George Land Restoration League; 50; W. O. Blase, Pres.; June 20.

Coshocton, O.—Rotary Club; 60; Fred Cantwell; June 18.

Painesville, O.—Public Meeting; 25; H. Bieder; June 26.

#### FIELD NOTES

Indianapolis, Ind.—A train boy sold Tom L. Johnson the copy of "Social Problems" that was to make him one of the great leaders in the Henry George movement. That train boy is living today in Indianapolis—Frank Brown, now a coffee merchant. Mr. Brown is proud of his convert for what he accomplished. But George J. Lindeman of Indianapolis is proud of another convert for what he is going to accomplish. Mr. Lindeman's convert is youthful O. B. Hanger. Mr. Hanger is active among the Young Republicans, is an able speaker, and is unique and persuasive in his approach to the philosophy of Henry George. He is a recent graduate of law school, and has his own successful insurance business. He is interested in the Henry George School of Social Science and will make an excellent teacher. Among others who will assure the success of Extension Classes in Indianapolis are Mr. William E. Barker, who once introduced Henry George in a campaign in Rhode Island, and his son-in-law, Russell Edwards.

Covington, Ky.—An extension course of the School will be sponsored in the fall by the Junior Chamber of Commerce. There is not a finer nor more wide awake group of young men in the country than is to be found in this organization. On June 10, following a talk by



Mr. Monroe on "Youth and the New Frontier," a committee was appointed to arrange for the ten-weeks class. Mr. James E. Gunning is chairman. Others actively interested include Paul C. Williamson, president of the Junior Chamber, Thomas Logan, attorney; and Dr. Thomas Sullivan, who first became interested in Henry George through Rev. Herbert Bigelow.

Cincinnati, O.—A couple of years ago the Schalkenbach Foundation circularized the Rabbis of the nation with copies of Henry George's address on "Moses", and Rabbi Michael Aaronsohn of Cincinnati read it and was impressed. Last summer, instead of going to the University as he usually does, he read "Progress and Poverty." During the year that has elapsed his devotion to the cause of Henry George has mounted with time for reflection. He has delivered several important addresses on the philosophy before conventions of veterans' organizations in which he is active. When Mr. Monroe came to Cincinnati in June he arranged a conference at his home. Among his guests were Dr. Abraham Cronbach, Professor of Jewish Social Studies, Hebrew Union College, Rev. Carl H. Olson, First Universalist Church; and a number of Henry George people including, Rev. Herbert Bigelow, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar A. Toepfert, Fenton Lawson, Francis B. McConaughy and Robert C. Harris. As a result of this conference, extension classes will open in Cincinnati in the fall. The extension committee is composed of Mr. McConaughy, chairman, Rabbi Aaronsohn, vice-chairman, and Mr. E. E. Hardcastle, secretary.

Writing to the School, Rabbi Aaronsohn says, "I feel we have gone forward. You must keep in constant touch with us until we are firmly established. We want to be an active part of a very active whole." It is this spirit that will put the School "over the top." Rabbi Aaronsohn, by the way, was with Abe D. Waldauer in the Argonne, where he lost his sight. He has "Significant Paragraphs" in Braille, though the unabridged edition of "Progress and Poverty" was read to him by his associate, Rabbi Harry B. Pastor.

Other cities in Ohio which will have extension classes starting in the fall are Hamilton, Dayton, Coshocton, Youngstown, Warren and Painesville, as well as Toledo, which has already brought two classes to a close, and Cleveland, which had its first commencement dinner on June 27 with 131 graduated from four classes. Details as to the progress of the extension classes in these and other cities throughout the country will be published in the next issue of LAND AND FREEDOM.

THE New York State Constitution, Article I, Section 10, reads "The people, in their right of sovereignty, are deemed to possess the original and ultimate property in, and to all lands within the jurisdiction of the State."

## Activities of the Manhattan Single Tax Club

THE opportunity to reach from 50,000 to a quarter million of the lay-public weekly is of great importance, and in my estimation, of greater importance than any lecturing or publicity work that has so far been done.

The knowledge of radio technique and the extent of the audience is so rare at this stage of the radio development, that I have asked Mr. Lane, who has assisted me in getting 'time' for over 2,000 broadcasts in the last three years, to make a statement which I am appending.

The vital thing is to get radio fans to tune in and to assimilate the talks, in order to do which you will notice from examples herewith, I am using the simplest of language and avoiding technical phrases familiar to Single Taxers, my only idea being to abate nothing of the principle while avoiding unfamiliar terms.

CHAS. H. INGERSOLL.

### FROM SECRETARY LANE

To help get the attention of friends of the Henry George movement that Mr. Ingersoll's broadcasting deserves, I would like to state certain facts that they probably know nothing of:

Mr. Ingersoll is cultivating a public taste for economics, by his ingenious and intriguing interweaving of the 'dismal science' with daily happenings; and by the judicious use of a most active sense of humor. From many quarters it is evident that he has reduced to a fine art this balancing of entertainment with education.

Furthermore, he is converting the programme directors of the radio stations to the idea that radio audiences are not averse to listening to common sense, if attractively presented.

Mr. Ingersoll's radio technique equals that of any broadcaster, I firmly believe; it is marvelous, the amount of material he can pack into a 15 minute talk, without apparent haste, and with every important word, point and sentence made completely impressive.

This schedule, now at sixteen broadcasts, (temporarily down from twenty) is not only double a year ago in number, but many times multiplied in character of stations, and total size of audience.

Sunday: WHOM, 10 p. m.

Monday: WCNW, 2:30 p. m., WHOM, 10 p. m.

Tuesday: WOV, 11:15 a. m., WLTH, 1:15 p. m., WCNW, 2:30 p. m., WHOM, 10 p. m.

Wednesday: WWRL, 1:15 p. m., WCNW, 2:30 p. m., WHOM, 10 p. m.

Thursday: WCNW, 2:30 p. m., WHOM, 10 p. m.

Friday: WILM, 3:30 p. m., Wilmington; WDAS, 5:15 p. m., Philadelphia.