

his own labor) and not from his being in position to take the efforts of others by appropriating ground rent.

The value of site advantage is a natural fund created for public use. It increases as the community and its requirements increase and is always adequate to public requirements.

As the income from ground rent would be adequate for public needs, all taxes would be automatically abolished. The amount of ground rent would be graduated from large payments for lots at the urban centers to nothing for lands at the perimeter of population.

The ground rent of rural lands would be low and, as there would be no taxes on improvements, or personal property, the contributions of the farmer and other ruralites to the public revenue would gradually decline with distance from the center and reach zero at the perimeter. The contribution to public revenue by the farmers would be greatly reduced. The bulk of the public revenue would come from urban lots and royalties or rentals from natural resources. Every site would pay in proportion to its social advantages—pay for what it got in return and all royalties would go to the public treasury.

Men would settle contiguously on advantageous locations, and beyond the perimeter of population no man would have or want land titles. Land there would be free as air and just as nature left it. Here would be inexhaustible publicly owned timber resources and a limitless paradise for sportsmen and pleasure seekers. Every power site and every natural wonder and resource would be public property. With her present population, the United States would have a domain of a billion acres of such land—the billion acres now held idle for speculation by private “owners” and being denuded of everything valuable for their private gain.

Thus in a simple way (by taking ground rent for public use) we solve the labor problem and with it the many other seemingly complex social and economic problems.

G. FRANK KELLY.

Henry George in the Congressional Record

MR. WHEELER (Senator Wheeler, of Montana) “Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to have inserted in the *Record* certain excerpts from Henry George’s *Protection or Free Trade*.”

The Vice President: “Without objection, it is so ordered.”

Thus, there is printed in the *Congressional Record* of March 13 the “Outline of Protection or Free Trade” in full as made by Will Atkinson.

The tariff just passed is bound to create a revulsion of feeling, and the sentiment for free trade will grow with increasing unemployment.

Lecture Work of James R. Brown

JAMES R. BROWN has rendered a report of his lecture work for the last fifteen years beginning with Jan. 1st, 1915, when he assumed the presidency of the Manhattan Single Tax Club.

During these years he has delivered 1,865 lectures distributed among the states as follows:

New York, 769; Massachusetts, 157; Virginia, 145; Canada, 145; New Jersey, 140; Pennsylvania, 139; Ohio, 101; Maryland, 88; Rhode Island, 88; Connecticut, 32; Indiana, 18; Michigan, 15; Illinois, 11; Dis. of Columbia, 8; New Hampshire, 5; Delaware, 2; Maine, 1; Wisconsin, 1.

Last year, 1929, Mr. Brown delivered 209 lectures distributed as follows:

Business organizations, 84; universities, colleges and schools, 90; churches, 7; sundry organizations, 28. Attendance at these lectures have run from 25 to 2,000.

Besides the lecture activities articles on taxation and the Single Tax are sent every month to 850 newspapers. Many papers have used this matter; and many have made it the basis of editorials treating of taxation and their own local problems.

A constant stream of literature in the shape of books and pamphlets goes forward from headquarters, and great care is exercised in the distribution of this material. This work is under the supervision of Miss Beatrice Cohen, the able and efficient assistant secretary of the organization, who in the absence of Mr. Brown on his lecture tours directs the machinery of the club, answers communications, and arranges advance dates where possible.

Mr. Brown accompanies his report with impressive testimonials from those who have arranged successful meetings. Prof. Robert Fry Clark, of the Department of Economics and Sociology at Marietta College, Marietta, Ohio, writes: “We were glad indeed to have you here and hope you may be able to come again.”

Prof. Mitchell, of Johns Hopkins, says: “Mr. Brown is by all odds the most acceptable outside speaker that has come to the University in any department in years.”

L. N. Deniston, president of the West Hartford, Conn., Chamber of Commerce, writes: “That you have made a lasting impression is certain, for those who heard you still discuss the topic, and many want you to return.”

Prof. E. J. Urwick, of the University of Toronto, Ontario, writes: “Both on my own part and on that of all my colleagues I should like to express our very grateful thanks for the delightful and stimulating address you were kind enough to give to our Commerce Club.”

Joseph J. Moran, President of the Moran Business College, Kingston, N. Y., writes: “A man who can present so intricate a subject lucidly and entertainingly must, indeed, be an educator of high rank. Many express the

wish that you return in order that they may learn more of the solution of the tax problem."

R. W. Swetland, Headmaster of the Peddie School, Hightstown, N. J., writes: "You certainly made a great hit with the boys as well as with me, and I shall be most happy to have you come again next fall."

R. W. McGriffin, President Marietta (Ohio) Commercial College, writes: "The students got some ideas from your speech that should be of everlasting value to them."

These commendations are from very recent communications to Mr. Brown and show a gratifying response to the message this indefatigable lecturer brings to his widely distributed audiences.

Mr. Brown's lecture assignments for February of this year were given in our last issue. Following is a list of lectures made in the month of March:

Wednesday, 5th: Irvington, N. J., High School, 8.45 A. M. Paterson, N. J., Civic Club, 4.00 P. M.

Thursday, 6th: Danbury, Conn., State Normal School, 10.30 A. M. Bethel, Conn., High School, 1.25 P. M.

Friday, 7th: Canaan, Conn., No. Canaan High School, 2.30 P. M.

Monday, 10th: Plainville, Conn., High School, 11.00 A. M. New Haven, Conn., Stone College, 2.15 P. M.

Tuesday, 11th: Westfield, N. J., Rotary Club, 12.15, noon.

Wednesday, 12th: Ocean City, N. J., High School, 9.00 A. M. Beach Haven, N. J., Exchange Club, evening.

Thursday, 13th: Westfield, N. J., Board of Realtors, 8.30 P. M.

Friday, 14th: New York, N. Y., Dwight School, 11.40 A. M. Waldwick, N. J., Young People's League, evening.

Monday, 17th: Northampton, Mass., High School, 8.30 A. M. Northampton, Mass., Kiwanis Club, 12.15, noon. Northampton, Mass., Rotary Club, 6.15 P. M.

Tuesday, 18th: So. Hadley Falls, Mass., So. Hadley High School, 8.20 A. M. Turners Falls, Mass., Rotary Club, noon.

Wednesday, 19th: Chicopee, Mass., High School, 10.05 A. M. Springfield, Mass., Bay Path Institute, 2.15 P. M.

Thursday, 20th: Springfield, Mass., Exchange Club, noon. Springfield, Mass., Central High School, 2.30 P. M. Auburn, Mass., Men's Club and Grange, 8.30 P. M.

Friday, 21st: Windsor, Conn., The Loomis Institute, 12.00 noon. So. Manchester, Conn., Manchester High School, 2.30 P. M.

Monday, 24th: Saugus, Mass., Saugus High School, 9.00 A. M. Boston, Mass., Hickox Secretarial School, noon. Boston, Mass., Boston University School of Law, 4.00 P. M. Boston, Mass., College of Physicians and Surgeons.

Tuesday, 25th: Brockton, Mass., High School, 8.50 A. M. Brockton, Mass., High School, 9.30 A. M. Newton, Mass., Kiwanis Club, noon.

Wednesday, 26th: Waterbury, Conn., Post's Business College, 10.30 A. M. Waterbury, Conn., Kiwanis Club, 12.15, noon.

Thursday, 27th: Boston, Mass., Boston University Theological Department, 11.40 P. M. Brockton, Mass., Rotary Club, 6:15 P. M.

Friday, 28th: So. Braintree, Mass., Thayer Academy, 8.30 A. M. Taunton, Mass., Bristol Co. Business College, 11.00 A. M. So. Braintree, Mass., Rotary Club, evening.

Monday, 31st: Newburyport, Mass., High School, 11:40 A. M. Lawrence, Mass., Cannon's Commercial College, 2.30 P. M.

A partial list of April engagements follows:

Tuesday 1st: Worcester, Mass., Becker College, 9.00 A. M. Worcester, Mass., Lions Club, 12.00, noon.

Thursday, 3rd: Westfield, Mass., High School, 11.30 A. M. Westfield, Mass., Kiwanis Club, 12.15, noon.

Friday, 4th: Springfield, Mass., Rotary Club, 12.15, noon.

Tuesday, 8th: Newark, N. J., Reciprocity Club, evening.

Thursday, 17th: Port Jervis, N. Y., Kiwanis Club, evening.

Wednesday, 23rd: Baltimore, Md., Morgan College, 10.45 A. M. Baltimore, Md., History Club of Baltimore City College, 2.30 P. M.

Thursday, 24th: Baltimore, Md., Polytechnic Institute, 12.00, noon. Westminster, Md., Western Maryland College, afternoon.

Friday, 25th: Washington, D. C., George Washington University, 6.00 P. M.

Monday, 28th: Williamsburgh, Va., College of William and Mary.

Tuesday, 29th: Williamsburg, Va., College of William and Mary.

Many of these dates in April left unfilled will be taken up before the month is completed.

An Impressive Indictment

DR. HAVEN EMERSON, of the Columbia University Medical School faculty, in an address at the formal dedication of the new Institute of Mental Hygiene at the Pennsylvania Hospital in Philadelphia, said that we were creating conditions as "unbearable for human beings as conditions which existed in the front line trenches during the World War."

He declared that much of the wreckage of mind and nerve today was due to fear, which was induced in no small degree by unemployment, by depression, by the "sudden realization of people capable of working for their living that they have no means of support; that there is no place for them in this vaunted modern civilization."

Will not other authorities speak out as frankly?