

Though thy labors be of Sisyphean magnitude—though thy job be tough—though hic labor hoc opus—gird up thy Single Tax loins and carry on 'til some day public opinion smiles upon thy furrowed brow—upon thy gnarled knuckles and bent back-bone—upon thy thinned and whitened locks.

Some day public opinion will give approval to thy Single Tax propaganda, though thou hast been dead as long as Anne Hutchinson.

Be brave, dear heart; Mickey Mouse points thy way to the triumph of perseverance. The dawn cometh when the mantle of amnesty shall fall upon the free economic thinking of Henry George—when the degree of Master of Science at last shall tell the cockeyed world that the penwork of the creator of "Progress and Poverty" has reached the top of Erudition's ladder.

The classic fairy tale of "Snow White and The Seven Dwarfs"—dressed in brilliant hues, melodies, songs and action—does not begin to measure up to that older fairy tale known as "ability-to-pay and The Seven Taxes," yet we detract not one iota from Snow White's virtues and charm. We, too, have pushed a pictorial pen between the drops of sweat and the old work gives us a fraternal respect for Walt Disney, *but*, dress up "ability-to-pay" in gaudy colors, attended by haunting refrains and syncopated songs and snappy action and—oh boy!—it will lay 'em in the aisles and bring home masters' degrees from every modern university.

Be steadfast, dear heart; Mickey Mouse points to a brighter day in the Science of Political Economy. Mickey Mouse marches on arm in arm with Public Opinion.

Dust off another Cap and Gown. Prepare another parchment. Cut another bit of ribbon:

Single Tax is coming 'midst mice and men.

Commonweal Resumes Publication

AFTER three years, this ever welcome English journal of our movement has returned, under the able editorship of J. W. Graham Peace. Mr. Peace retains every ounce of that forceful spirit we so used to enjoy in his paper before it suspended publication.

Harshest truth and uncompromising militancy are the warp and woof of all the articles in the *Commonweal*. A few copies are on hand in this office which we will gladly mail to those requesting same. Under "Correspondence" in this issue of LAND AND FREEDOM will be found a letter from Mr. Peace, which speaks for itself.

PERHAPS we should not so much accuse political systems as pity mankind for demanding justice when men themselves are not just, or for asking for brotherhood without brotherly love among themselves.

ERNST TOLLER.

Some Thoughts on Intolerance

IT should not be necessary to remind those who profess belief in the Brotherhood of Man, that mere belief, without practice, is an idle gesture in the direction of tolerance.

The only sort of intolerance we willingly subscribe to is intolerance itself.

We hear people everywhere say, that something or other, or somebody, should be *stopped*. But that seems to be *all* that anyone is doing about it; they simply *talk* about it.

Now is the time when something should be *done* about it.

In this connection, we have a definite suggestion to make; whenever, or wherever, anyone is in conversation with others, who inject objectionable race-consciousness in derogation of *any* race, they should be *halted* at once.

Intolerance, *per se*, is wholly intolerable and *no* one should tolerate it.

May we not well profit from the lesson taught by Kahlil Gibran, who, in his "Sand and Foam" tells us: "I have learned silence from the talkative, toleration from the intolerant, and kindness from the unkind; yet strange, I am ungrateful to those teachers."

To do something about it does not impose a difficult task.

All that is required is to draw comparisons; justice as against injustice; freedom as against serfdom; liberty as against impositions; intelligence as against ignorance. Free and honorable discussions will do much to remove many prejudices.

No one should tolerate intolerance!

Old Law Tenements

IN a little brochure by James Felt on "The Problem of the Old Law Tenement" is found the information there are 63,000 old law tenements, all erected before 1901, comprising one-half the multiple dwellings in New York City. More than 5,000 of these structures have been closed, being not eligible for renovation, leaving 58,000 still in operation. Old law tenements and converted dwellings house about 2,000,000 of the City's population. The author points out the difficulties of the owners in deciding on demolition, minimum compliance with fire and other safety regulations, or rehabilitation. Presumably absent in Mr. Felt's mind is the idea of the efficacy of land value taxation for the correction of this evil.

THE criminal is not merely an individual delinquent, he is a social product. Society is chargeable with some portion of his guilt.—CALKINS.