

water for drinking purposes. They have also added her name to an official committee, whom they have appointed to discuss tenders for the supply of necessary clothing. We think it necessary to state that we are well aware that some of the camps are well cared for, but the need of each camp must be considered on its own merits, as the conditions vary so widely, and even where the military may be doing everything in their power to alleviate suffering, very much remains to be done. We believe that we shall not appeal in vain to the common humanity of those who (whatever their opinion may be upon the war) are anxious to prevent as far as possible the infliction of unnecessary suffering upon women and children.

A TRAITOR TO WALL STREET.

An interview published in the Cleveland Plaindealer of June 2.

"Tom Johnson is a traitor to Wall street. That is what Wall street says, and if money can defeat Mr. Johnson's hopes and ambition, they will be defeated."

The speaker was August Lewis, of New York, one of Mayor Johnson's warmest friends. The two were perhaps closer to Henry George during the life of the great single tax apostle than any other two men in the world. Mr. Lewis came to Cleveland the other day from Buffalo, where he had been attending the exposition, to see the mayor. He will remain until the mayor returns from New York. He called at the mayor's tax bureau in the city hall to see the maps and other paraphernalia which the mayor expects to use in his tax reform fight.

"More eyes are on Mr. Johnson today," continued Mr. Lewis, "than on any senator or congressman in the United States. I might say with absolute truth that the people are watching him with greater interest than they are President McKinley. The masses are with him; they like him. They admire his frankness and his daring. Wall street hates him.

"All the money powers in the country are against him. They cannot understand how a man who was one of them in the grand struggle for wealth—how any man having amassed a fortune dare come out and fight the battles of the people, turning against the class to which, by right of his wealth, he belonged. So Wall street says he is a traitor. They don't know the man. They don't know that with Mr. Johnson principle is the one and great thing. He is not a seeker after

glory and he cares nothing for any position except as it may help him to carry out the purposes to which he has devoted his life. To do that he will take advantage of every opportunity.

"I don't like to hear this talk about Mr. Johnson being a candidate for president because I fear the people will not understand him. His enemies will say that everything he does is for a political purpose. I know him so well that I know that it is not true. Everything he does is for a principle.

"I remember when he was considering the matter of accepting the nomination for mayor of Cleveland. His wife was opposed to it. He was talking with me when he said: 'I don't know. What would Henry George do if he were alive and in my position?' He knew that Henry George would have accepted and that was the one thing that determined him. And thus it is that the man who, after being twice a congressman, became the mayor of Cleveland, is the most prominent man in the country.

"Down in New York state the people are watching his tax fight with perhaps greater interest than it is being watched right here in his own home. They believe that he is a great man and destined to become greater. Even old line conservative democrats are becoming enthusiastic over Mr. Johnson. 'He's the coming man,' they say. 'Whether he becomes president or not he is bound to take a leading part in American politics.'

"This talk about the next democratic ticket being Hill and Johnson is nonsense. Anyone who knows Mr. Johnson knows how ridiculous is the proposition. Mr. Johnson will not play second to any man.

"Whatever great position in the gift of the American people Mr. Johnson may accept it will be only for a principle. He has wealth and he cares nothing for honors.

"This tax fight he is waging is the making of a splendid foundation for single tax on land values. It is the only just and logical system of taxation and the people will see it. It is the light which guides Mr. Johnson in his every public act. Did you read the report of the Philippine commission? It was a most interesting document. The commission said that the Filipinos did not seem to be able to understand the wisdom of taxing only land values; that was what the commission had decided to do in the Phil-

ippines. There were great tracts of unimproved land there and the commission concluded that the only way to stimulate industry and progress was to tax it the same as improved land and levy no taxes on any other kind of property.

"The men who composed this commission could readily see how single tax was a good thing in the Philippines, but I doubt if any of them could see it in that light as applied to the United States."

Henry George's last book, "The Science of Political Economy," was dedicated to Mayor Johnson and Mr. Lewis.

THE ETHICS OF SUFFRAGE.

A condensation of an address delivered by Louis F. Post, June 1, 1901, at the National American Woman Suffrage association, in the First Baptist church at Minneapolis.

It is not the surface questions of the issue of woman suffrage that I intend to discuss, but the radical question of whether the suffrage is a privilege or a right. Is it something which those in power may grant or withhold according to their own notions of what may be wise? Or is it something which every adult and sane member of the community is entitled to as a right?

If the suffrage is a mere privilege, if it can rightfully be granted to men and withheld from women, be granted to those who are white and withheld from those who are colored, be granted to people with red hair and withheld from those with black; if it may be rightfully given to the millionaire and withheld from the day laborer, rightfully extended to those who can read and withheld from those who cannot, or to those with a college education and from those with only the education of the common school—if this is the basis of suffrage, if this is the only foundation on which women claim a share in the processes of government, then the fundamental argument for woman suffrage disappears. In that case, the best that women who want the suffrage can do, is to kneel before those who already have the power of assigning privileges of suffrage, and beg for it. All they can say is: "Please, mister, won't you let me vote?"

I do not forget that plausible arguments can be made in support of woman suffrage upon the mere basis of expediency. But neither can I ignore the fact that upon that basis arguments just as plausible can be made against it. They are made against it every day in the year, and by women