

Letters From Our Readers

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Speaks For Henry George.

Editor the Post-Gazette:

My friend and philosopher, Harry R. Bunton, reported again in your issue of March 23. He asserts that followers of Henry George are phrase worshipers. If he studies the writings of Mr. George with an open mind, he must admit that Mr. George dealt with eternal principles, not phrases. Mr. George clearly showed a natural order in all things, and among them, political economy.

Mr. Burton says "since the tax in question must be derived from some source, the economic body must inevitably pay." He then follows to the effect that Mr. George's tax plan will not work. Before this in his letter he indulges in a phrase "rob Peter to pay Paul." Then he concludes that time has disproved Mr. George's conceptions.

All political philosophers admit the right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. There is a right of property which antedates all government of human origin. It is the right to the fruits of one's labor. Let the tract of land be ever so large with only one man upon it, that man will get no income except that which he brings forth with his own labor. But let a thousand men arrive and he can, through rent, take a portion from their labor through right of mere ownership. It is not land income but the power to take from the labor of others. This is the essence of land value.

cure of an organ that counted but the bringing of the whole system into harmony and proper working order.

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Proposes McGuffey Memorial.

Editor the Post-Gazette:

I have noticed in your columns articles and short letters from admirers of Prof. William Holmes McGuffey and of his school readers. For that reason I wish to inquire why we do not have at least one club or association in the Greater Pittsburgh district devoted to the preservation of his work. Is it because "a prophet is not without honor save in his own country," as Holy Writ declares?

In this district Prof. McGuffey was born, here he received his college education and here he should be honored by some fitting memorial. Of him it has been said that he did more for "American education, morals and culture than any other person." Who will be the first in Pennsylvania, to which his ancestors emigrated when they left their native Scotland and where they remained for 29 years, to step forward and declare at least for a McGuffey association through which this truly great man may be fittingly memorialized? Some one with vision has written:

"Let us gather from our archives all the facts of olden time,

Rebuke them in our stories and