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PUBLISHERS' NOTES.

Send in your subscriptions. Remember the offer of one copy of "Progress and Poverty (the cloth bound one dollar edition of Doubleday, Page & Co.) for two new subscribers. Every Single Taxer knows of at least two believers who ought to be subscribers to the REVIEW.

Send in news and anything illustrative of the progress of the movement. Our pigeon holes are crowded with contributed matter, but we cannot have too much good material. Will our friends remember this and send in what they think will prove of interest.

Help us to make the REVIEW a bi-monthly.

AT LAST—ORGANIZATION!

There are brighter days coming for the Single Tax movement, and for the REVIEW. Appearing as the issues do three months apart, it is felt that much of the news becomes to some of us old news, and the reminder of the existence of a great progressive movement—protean in shape, and not usually of accredited Single Tax origin—too infrequent in its appearance. For this reason an effort will be made to make the REVIEW a bi-monthly. From a bi-monthly to a monthly may not be a step of great difficulty with an organization which will probably be effected at the approaching national conference in November, and if our friends will aid us we will bend every energy to that end.

One of the things that will be done at

the coming conference is the perfecting of a press committee, which should include a sub-committee of propaganda for the distribution of literature. The supplying of plate matter to such papers as can be induced to use such matter, with or without paying for it, ought to be considered. This, perhaps, can be better done indirectly than directly by first securing some hundreds or more papers which will agree to use matter bearing on labor, land and taxation problems, and subsequent arrangement with companies handling plate matter.

With the REVIEW appearing as a monthly or even a bi-monthly, in its present form—64 pages and cover—the movement will possess an organ containing double or three times as much matter as at any period in our history. For six years the REVIEW has done its part—no insignificant part, we believe—in keeping step to the varied phases of our progress. The entire preparation of each issue has been the work of the editor since we were deprived of the able assistance of that devoted and efficient worker in the cause, Mrs. George P. Hampton. But in this we are conscious of having made no sacrifice. There has been no financial return, but we have the satisfaction of knowing that the REVIEW has fought a good fight, and won its place as the accredited organ of the Single Taxers of the United States, with a fair measure of help to the subscription list from our brothers in Canada and abroad. What we have done we shall continue to do—and a great deal more if given the opportunity.

The REVIEW has from the beginning pled for an organization. It is the one point—the only one—on which the REVIEW has felt that it was its duty to speak in no uncertain terms. We have pointed to it as containing much of the secret of the real strength of the socialistic movement. In this we have been compelled to differ with some of our readers—with some of mere experience than ourself. But events kept on making for our contentions. Mr. F. H. Munroe was enabled to accomplish the work he had done, and is doing, through the power of organization. Then came Mr. John J. Murphy, and inside of two weeks by his own initiative he had started a movement that must now culminate into a working organization that will show what our cause has lacked for the past dozen years. The REVIEW's plea has been answered—the reply to its call for organization has been spontaneous, wholly gratifying and nearly unanimous.

It has been asked, what useful purpose can organization effect? What can it not effect? How many are the things it may do? Without interfering in the least degree with the present modes of individual activity, how it may strengthen the hands of Mr. Munroe in his lecture work,

Mr. Swinney in his labors of distribution of literature, and much other work that is being carried on. It may establish permanent headquarters, appoint organizers to watch legislation that needs to be promoted or defeated, gather up the scattered activities and draw them together to one spot—as is done in England, under the leadership of John Paul—thus securing the efficiency that comes from co-ordination. And it may be able to do something to induce the public press of the country to acquaint its readers with the remarkable progress of the movement in England and Scotland. All these are matters for the coming conference to consider. But in view of what may be undertaken, it is idle to ask what real good organization can effect. The real weakness of our movement has been its lack of organization.

There is little danger that organization can be wrested from its real purpose to aid the political ambitions of any aspirant, though we fancy that is the fear which sincerely influences some of our friends in their lukewarm attitude toward the conference. That there has been too much of ill advised support of many sporadic and pseudo reforms and sensational candidacies may be admitted. But this has been done in the absence of organization. The political ambitions of a few of our number have been satisfied—with what results to their active interest in the bridge that carried them over we are now, in one or two conspicuous instances, acquainted, with some mortification. With a thorough enrollment of Single Taxers organized for the advancement of measures looking in our direction, and remaining in close touch with one another, we are not nearly so apt to serve the purposes of ambitious individuals whose more or less active connection with the cause is used to dazzle the managers of some political machine with visions, "terrible as an army with banners," of rewards that await the party through their nominations and the consequences to be looked for in the event of their failure to receive recognition. With a compact organization we are far less likely to figure as a floating political asset.

J. D. M.

PRIMITIVE PERCEPTIONS OF JUSTICE

At Tulsa, last month, Chitto Harjo, or Crazy Snake, of the Creeks, pleaded for a return to the conditions under the treaty of 1832, when the Indians held land in common, and roamed as nomads. "In 1492 when a man landed on American shores named Columbus, whom did he find here?" cried Harjo. "Did he find the white man? No. He found the Indian. What did he say to the Indian? He said: 'The land is all yours. I will protect you.'"

DEATH OF J. H. WELLS.

Jonathan H. Wells, who passed away at East Moriches, Long Island, on March 31st, of heart disease, was an earnest and devoted worker for the Single Tax. In another column appears an article from his pen, the writing of which was suggested by another who has also passed away, the well beloved Ernest Crosby.

Mr. Wells was sixty-five years old at the time of his death. His career was not an eventful one. It was the life of the average good man who walks upright and does his duty as it comes to hand. But while he did not appear in the limelight his quiet, persistent work for the cause was not unobserved.

He worked as clerk in a store in his younger days, served as proofreader on the *Christian at Work*, and later was employed in the office of the White Star line. For the last four years he has lived in retirement at his home on Long Island, much broken in health.

He was a member of the Church of the New Jerusalem. He leaves a wife and son, and lies buried in Riverhead, a few miles from his boyhood home.

DEATH OF J. WARNER MILLS.

The death of J. Warner Mills, in Denver, Colorado, removes from the sphere of activity one who was claimed by both Single Taxers and Socialists as belonging to their number. But he had always helped the Single Tax movement, and accepted fully the logic of our position.

He had been prominent in the forward movements of the State, and shares largely the credit of having secured the franchise for the women of Colorado.

From an eloquent tribute appearing in the Rocky Mountain (Denver) *News*, written by J. R. Herman, we extract the following: "J. Warner Mills, great-hearted, brainy, loyal and true, is gone and the world is sadder to-day because of that incident, but happier because he trod for a brief moment on life's stage.

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The materialism of this age idealizes intellect for the same reasons that the Romans made a god of physical strength, but materialism of all ages despises heart, and delights itself in firing its merciless shafts of ridicule into the defenceless heart that has the temerity to love. But Mr. Mills was armored. Not only did he have the power to love, but he had the intellect to command the respect of those mummies who sneer at unselfishness, just as the Christian gladiator's physical strength commanded the respect of a heartless Nero.

And I fancy now that if he found heaven blocked off in squares with that staring insult to God, 'lots for sale,' he would be