

Getting Ready to Take the People's Money

CONFIDENT of the future of New York City, Joseph P. Day, well-known real estate operator, yesterday predicted that Manhattan Island would eventually be given over almost entirely to business.

Day was the chief speaker at a meeting of the Young Men's Board of Trade, held at the Block Hall Club, 23 So. William Street. Day said:

"Manhattan faces a future of steady rising land values, due to its ever-growing importance as the world's business and financial center."—NEWS NOTE.

THE Single Tax will wait, I fancy, for years, since it is so fundamental, and mankind never attacks fundamental problems until after it has exhausted all the superficial ones.—BRAND WHITLOCK.

IT is the thorough fusion of insight into actual facts and forces, with recognition of their bearing upon what makes life worth living, that constitutes Henry George one of the world's great social philosophers. It would require less than the fingers of the two hands to enumerate those who, from Plato down, rank with him.—JOHN DEWEY.

THE Single Tax proposes to abolish all forms of taxation except a tax on land values. It would eliminate taxes upon industry, personal property, buildings and improvements. It would tax land values, including the value of all franchises and public utilities operated for private profit. It is the community which creates land values and franchise values; therefore these values belong to the community and the community should take them in taxation.—TOM L. JOHNSON.

ADDRESSING Dr. W. E. Macklin of the Christian Hospital, Nankin: "You have saved me the labor of translating 'Progress and Poverty!'"—SUN YAT SEN.

ISEE in Henry George's proposal an effort to establish a principle which, when established, will do more to lift humanity from the slough of poverty, crime and misery than all else; and in this I recognize it as one of the greatest forces working for temperance and morality.

FRANCES E. WILLARD.

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WE are glad to record the organization of the Henry George League of Ridgewood, N. J. Everett V. Shutts is president; Elsie S. Clinton, treasurer; and Fred A. Wadsworth, secretary. A number of well attended meetings have been held.

Forward He Went to His Death

HENRY GEORGE was in feeble health when, in 1897, he was urged by the forces of good government and social reform to be their candidate for the first Mayor of Greater New York. His physicians advised against his making the contest. He consulted with a number of his Single Tax friends, among them the writer of the present sonnet, as to whether his candidacy would promote the cause to which he had devoted his life. Their answer was: "Certainly but"—"That is all I want to know," replied George; "I shall make the race if I die for it." He exerted himself to the utmost, speaking night after night to great and enthusiastic audiences; and died in the midst of the campaign.

Forward he went to his death; not as the knight
With toss of lance and proud steed's caracole
Spurring the courage of a sinking soul;
Nor as the martyr clad in saintly white
With spirit rapt to some celestial height
Beyond all earthly passion or control;
Nor as approached our dim, mysterious goal
The stoic, cloaking from the eyes the light;

But, knight though still he was, martyr and sage—
Saint George, who pierced Monopoly's dragon coil;
Witness of truth unto a lie-bound age;
Wisest of all the saviors of the soil—
Calm as the Master walked to Calvary
"About his Father's business," so went he.

MARION MILLS MILLER.

NOTE:—This is from the *Rollins Sandspur*, published by the students of Rollins College, Winter Park, Fla. It was read by Doctor Miller at the exercises attendant on the presentation in March of a stone from Henry George's birthplace in Philadelphia for the Walk of Fame at the college. Report of this event will be found in another column.

HENRY GEORGE in his illuminating message, "Progress and Poverty," written over 50 years ago (1879), offered the workers his honest and just proposal, which they have so far (unfortunately) ignored. The erratic "schemes" or "plans" of the present-day Technocrats were fully exposed and refuted therein, when Henry George showed how the landlords (by raising and pocketing the land rent) could always absorb the so-called "increased" earning power of the workers from their "new" inventions and labor-saving "speed devices," unless his own honest plans were established.—WALDO J. WERNICKE in Kern County (Calif.) *Union Labor Journal*.

ALL for which Henry George strived and struggled will yet come true—his prayer will be answered. Of all modern prophets and reformers Henry George is the only one whose arguments are absolutely unanswerable and whose forecast is sure.—ELBERT HUBBARD.