

persons (male and female) together to whom I can explain the plan of organization and manner of work in full? With a large membership, councils in many places, and the SINGLE TAX REVIEW the official organ of the society, our influence would soon be felt.

I understand that John S. Crosby is in favor of such an organization.

CHARLES NEWBURGH.

N. Y. City.

*Editor Single Tax Review :*

I am tempted to call your attention to a very interesting book I chanced to come across recently, entitled "The Revolutionary Tendencies of the Age," author's name not given, and published by G. P. Putnam & Sons, N. Y. The book, to my mind, is written in such a plain yet forceful style, constantly keeping before one, throughout, the great fundamental wrong, that it occurred to me, that, if the right to publish some of the better chapters could be secured, and used to form the first part of a pamphlet, with the second part containing Chapter II of Book VI of Henry George's "Progress and Poverty," also the following chapters: Book VII, Chapter I; Book VII, Chapter II; Book VII, Chapter III as the remedy, a most concise and attractive work would be offered to the public on the land question; and that at a small price. It would also serve as an introduction to "Progress and Poverty." I beg to submit this suggestion to your better judgment in the interest of the movement and shall be willing to give a contribution for the expense of same, along with my fellows.

JAMES J. DWYER.

(In answer to an inquiry G. P. Putnam & Sons inform us that this book is out of print. Who of our readers has the work? The EDITOR).

Baker City, Oregon.

*Editor Single Tax Review :*

I was somewhat surprised that Mr. Post did not answer Prof. Clark's argument that there should be compensation for the land values with the argument I use in my discussion of the question of compensation, and as I supposed was known to every Single Taxer. I am quite sure Mr. Post has used the same argument many times. My answer to the compensation argument is, that while I give up the right to sell my land every other man does the same thing and I may sell my improvements and buy the improvements again elsewhere and will not sell the land I leave nor buy the land I take. What is the difference if I sell my lots for \$1,000.00 and buy other for \$1,000.00, or sell my improvements for what they are worth and buy improvements? The only difference is that I have handled \$1,000.00. Under Single Tax I would transfer my home

by selling the improvements and not the land, and buying improvements and not the land. The result is the same.

The only man injured by the operation of Single Tax is the owner of vacant unused land and land which the owner never intends to use, but is holding for an advance in the price of raw land. I own vacant lots in Denver, Colorado now and if they introduce Single Tax I will quit paying tax and let them go and it will be a loss of \$2,000 to me, but if the Single Tax would be introduced in Oregon at the same time, it will be no loss at all for I will just take some vacant lots owned by some Denver man, here, and improve them, and he can have mine. It will be a quick and rapid system of land transfer for the good of all concerned.

There is no similarity between the freedom of the negro and the freedom of land. When personal property (and the negro was considered such) is taken away without compensation the former owner has no recourse for other property of like value, unless he has the privilege of catching another negro, which he has not, but with land, take the selling price of my land and you take the selling price of all land, and land is the natural thing, exists always, and I may go to unused land and take a like piece of land free.

I do not wish to trouble you with too much of such arguments as they all are familiar to you, but I do want to say that I have talked, and written for the local papers here, until I have Single Taxers by the score in this County. The Assessor is not only converted but he is putting the principle into effect by bearing down on improvements and bearing up on the value of land. He reduced the valuation on personal property and improvements at least ten per cent. last year and increased the valuation on land more than ten per cent. The people like it and some of the largest property owners in this city are with me on the tax question and are helping to make it available. They are the men who have buildings and improvements, not vacant lots.

O. L. MILLER.

## PERSONALS.

N. E. Vyne (formerly Sergeant Vyne of the Rough Riders), whose letter appears in the Symposium on another page, and who was the successful candidate for Police Judge on the Democratic ticket at Emporia, Kansas, was present at the battle of San Juan Hill. He knew Captain "Bucky" O'Neil who was killed in that battle, but was not acquainted with the fact that O'Neil, as Mayor of Prescott, Arizona, tried to make Prescott a Single Tax town, and succeeded so far as the Legislature permitted. Mr. Vyne is now an attorney, and captain of the local company of the Kansas National Guard.

Rev. S. H. Spencer, who was a Single Taxer from the beginning of the agitation,