

with success on more than one occasion—success so far as uncovering promising leads, but invariably lost his holdings in the attempts to finance production.

George Beach's loyal wife, Mrs. Jeddie Beach, who worked and hoped for the best with him during all the years, herself also a union printer, a daughter and son-in-law, Billy and Bessie Beach Truehart, survive San Antonio, Texas.

A. W. HARTMAN.

A. FREELAND ADDS HIS TRIBUTE

EDITOR LAND AND FREEDOM:

On May 20th at San Antonio death claimed George N. Beach, probably the most dynamic and indefatigable of Texas' great body of Single Tax stalwarts. He had been preaching the doctrine, in and out of season, for years; had established various Labor organs in Dallas and elsewhere and in the later 90's organized a State Labor party; later he organized the State Labor Union, then in 1900 he founded the Texas State Federation of Labor, the first and second conventions of which refused to endorse Single Tax resolutions; now it adopts them as a matter of course, without discussion.

Over thirty years ago George brought his big tent to Waco and preached Single Tax. He was persuaded to found a daily newspaper in that city on Labor Union principles. Later his paper, *The Herald*, was merged with *The Times* and is now known as the *Times-Herald*. After unionizing the city for the printers he moved to Beaumont and published another Labor organ, in which he published serially "Progress and Poverty."

Mr. Beach was a near-genius. When one of his various papers would be about ready for the press some one would remind him that he had not furnished copy for the serial story he was writing. Forthwith he would grind out the weekly chapter. On Washington's birthday Mr. Beach was 72 years old. He had been living in Arizona for the past twenty years and had just returned to Texas when he died of heart trouble and was buried in Houston on May 22nd, leaving a wonderful little wife and an adorable daughter, Bessie, now Mrs. Truehart, of the Truehart Studios, Houston, Texas. She and her Daddy were real pals. Texas and the George movement have lost one of its great crusaders in the death of our idolized friend, George N. Beach.

Seattle, Wash.

A. FREELAND.

WORK OF MARGARET HALEY

EDITOR LAND AND FREEDOM:

I read with great interest Mr. Olcott's article in May-June issue on "Chicago's Financial Difficulties." I have just re-read it in the light of a *Collier's* article as condensed in *The Reader's Digest*. I am not in a position to criticise, and have no wish to do so. But both these articles carry back to the activities of Miss Margaret Haley, business agent of the teachers federation. My recollection is that Miss Haley was often mentioned years ago in Louis F. Post's the *Public*. The impression I carry is that this movement, in its earliest stages, was almost definitely and perhaps quite exclusively a Single Tax movement. And, from what I heard at the Henry George Congress in Pittsburgh, I gathered that it is a Single Tax movement today.

Speaking as an outsider, I desire to say on my own behalf and on behalf of those who agree with me—especially the old-timers—that, if the Single Tax influence has been nearly as strong and as continuous in this big reform as I suspect, we would greatly appreciate an article in LAND AND FREEDOM definitely setting forth that side of the case.

But, if I am wrong, or if my suggestion cannot be, or ought not to be, carried into effect, I shall still look forward to every succeeding issue with keen interest and shall read it with high appreciation of the splendid work you have done and are doing.

Ottawa, Canada.

A. C. CAMPBELL.

AGREES WITH PROFESSOR BROWN

EDITOR LAND AND FREEDOM;

I heartily endorse Prof. Harry Gunnison Brown's "Open Letter to Single Taxers" in your last issue. While many of us are intent upon dispensing our own doctrines from a more or less ivory tower, the enemy is making serious inroads upon us.

Both the American Farm Bureau Federation and the National Association of Real Estate Boards are openly engaged in a nation-wide campaign to "relieve real estate" by substituting a State Income Tax for the general tax upon property. Fifteen or sixteen states have already succumbed to this fallacy, and the Real-tor's National President recently listed four or five more where "progress" had been made.

Besides being the direct antithesis of the land values tax, the State Income Tax will probably be harder to dislodge than any other form of taxation. Some of our friends feel that the adoption of the National Income Tax, which has largely taken the place of the Tariff as a Federal revenue producer, was for that reason a serious error.

Be that as it may, the State Income Tax is now being urged because our Government has largely abandoned the "benefit theory"—and is here more or less strictly applying the doctrine of Ability to Pay.

As Prof. Brown says, here is a splendid opportunity to enlist the masses in a fight for real tax principles, whereas abstract discussion fails to stir them. The inquisitorial nature, the enforced regimentation and the fraud and evasion inseparable from a State Income Tax will arouse opposition that will listen to arguments on the other side—listen and lend a hand—as it will never do to further an academic theory.

Catonsville, Md.

CHARLES J. OGLE.

CONTINUES TO HOPE

EDITOR LAND AND FREEDOM,

In your issue of May-June, Mr. J. O'D. Derrick criticizes Mr. Snowden's action on the Budget, and it appears that Mr. Snowden has lost rather than gained ground by failing to insert the Valuation Bill.

As Mr. Derrick states (page 81) "Why put off the struggle that will in any case ensue? If opponents throw the finances of the country into chaos, well let them. Their doing so would only rouse the country all the more to secure Budget Taxation of Land Values."

I enclose an editorial from the *Erie Dispatch-Herald*, "British Labor's Year" which is indicative of how the press is ready to approve the Labor Party policies as being not too radical. "On the domestic front socialistic trends were pronounced, though not extreme. The measures enacted have been far from radical and Chancellor of the Exchequer Snowden has shown himself to be a thoroughly qualified defender of the capitalistic system against the assaults of extremists in his own party."

So it seems that the failure of Mr. Snowden to take a clear-cut stand for Land Value Taxation has given the conservative press little or no occasion to severely censure him, which Single Taxers (welcoming publicity as they do) will deplore, and on the other hand many Single Taxers will be disposed to censure him for this failure.

However, Mr. Snowden insists that he will introduce soon a Land Valuation Bill as opening up the way to Land Value Taxation and so let us continue to hope.

Erie, Pa.

JAMES B. ELLERY.

NEWS NOTES AND PERSONALS

FREDERICK VERINDER writes us under date of June 20, "We had a flying visit from Anna George deMille last month on her way from Europe to New York."

KATHLEEN NORRIS, whose letter to President Hennessy of the Robert Schalkenbach Foundation, appears on another page, is a well known