

## NOTES AND NEWS

The United Committee has received a consignment of Louis F. Post's well-known and popular book *OUTLINES OF LECTURES ON THE TAXATION OF LAND VALUES*. This supply is the last of the edition. The book is a veritable *vade mecum* for speakers, students and writers, and may be had at 2s. per copy (2s. 3d. post paid) at our offices. Early application should be made as the stock in hand is limited and is likely to be very quickly exhausted.

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The Trades Union Congress General Council and the Executive of the Labour Party have appointed a Special Advisory Committee on Land Policy, to consider and report upon what system of land ownership, taxation and rating would secure to the community the maximum benefits from the land. The Committee sits at the House of Commons, where it continues to take evidence. On the 11th and again on the 20th June, Mr. A. W. Madsen appeared as witness in behalf of the United Committee for the Taxation of Land Values. On each occasion, for more than two hours, the rating and taxing of land values was very fully explored, especially in relation to agriculture, housing and unemployment.

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THE CHANCE OF A LIFETIME. FOR SALE, FIVE SHOPS, ST. HELENS-RD.

- No. 169, occupied by Holt Bros., grocers.
- No. 171, occupied by Mr. Fairhurst, tailor.
- No. 173, occupied by Mr. Addison, sweets.
- No. 177, occupied by Mrs. Rushton, corn and flour.
- No. 181, occupied by Mr. Tonge, fish and chips.

It is only necessary to buy the building at a low price, and you will obtain businesses that have been established 25 years. No need to buy stock or fixtures. Possession 1st August.—Apply, Booth, 13, Hawthorne-rd., Deane.

The above advertisement appeared in the *BOLTON EVENING NEWS* on the 22nd May, 1923. You will draw your own conclusions from the above as evidence of the power of landlordism to menace the lives and well-being of the people.

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From a *DAILY NEWS* (London) advertisement, 16th May.—“Freehold land at Peacehaven is trebling and quadrupling in value. No better or safer investment can be made than buying land in a quickly growing community. The value of land at Peacehaven is bound to still increase considerably as the public continue to realize all the advantages of Peacehaven and as the town continues to develop.”

But don't stop to think of it. Think how the Ruhr is to blame for the rings round the house melting the new housing subsidy!

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The Liberal candidate's speakers are making great play with Labour's divers voices on the land question. One Radical orator said Mr. Philip Snowden proposed to buy out the dukes on equitable terms, and he gave the Duke of Northumberland's share on Mr. Snowden's basis as thirty millions sterling. As a good election cry he suggested to his Labourist opponents—“Vote for Smillie and doles for the dukes.”—*The GLASGOW HERALD correspondent on the Morpeth by-election, 11th June.*

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Mr. Fiske Warren, who is coming from the United States to be present and speak at the International Conference on the Taxation of Land Values in Oxford, 13th to 20th August, has published the second annual volume of the *ENCLAVES OF SINGLE TAX OR ECONOMIC RENT*. The book is written by C. W. Huntington and gives a full description of the “Single Tax Colonies” at Fairhope, Arden, Tahanto, Free Acres, Halidon, Sant Jordi and

Shakerton. We expect that copies of the book will be on sale at the Conference, and afterwards at our offices. The published price in America is \$4, post paid.

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A deal to sell a piece of land at \$1,100 an acre has just been closed. This land was bought 17 years ago, for \$12.00 an acre. It is bare land to-day as it was in 1906. We will let you figure the increase; it is too much for us.—*SOUTH-WEST FARMER AND INVESTOR, San Antonio, Texas, March, 1923.*

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THE STORY OF MY DICTATORSHIP, by the late Lewis H. Berens and Ignatius Singer, has been translated into Spanish by Mr. E. T. Westrup, Rayon 113, Monterrey, Mexico, and is being published in that city “for the information of the working masses.”

## NORMAN McLENNAN

The death of Norman McLennan, recorded in the current Scottish League notes, marks the passing of a great advocate of repute. Thirty years ago he was a leader in the Glasgow movement, held in high esteem by his colleagues and by co-workers in kindred circles. He knew his *PROGRESS AND POVERTY* literature as few others knew it in those days of great enterprise. He wrote the illuminating In Memoriam article for this paper on the occasion of Henry George's death in October, 1897. The closing sentences read: “Certainly George himself was no fatalist. He did not think that the triumph of his principles was absolutely bound to come. Again and again he said that it would only come if men willed it and worked for its coming; for it was an essential part of his creed that man, though an effect, was also a cause, though a creature was also a creator. As the founder of the movement, we have not lost him. George was only temporarily a political leader; permanently and essentially he was a great thinker. He was not even director of the Single Tax propaganda, although he was its spiritual head. This was his body; that was his soul—and it is only his body that we have lost. His thoughts and his spirit are still left to us in his books and in his memory, and will be left to those after us. What does Shelley say?—

‘The splendours of the firmament of time  
May be eclipsed, but are extinguished not;  
Like stars to their appointed height they climb,  
And death is a low mist that cannot blot  
The brightness it may veil. When lofty thought  
Lifts a young heart above its mortal lair,  
And love and life contend in it for what  
Shall be its earthly doom, the dead live there,  
And move like winds of light on dark and stormy air.’”

In the task of promoting a recognition of both principle and policy Norman McLennan occupied a foremost position. His able and convincing Press letters did much to educate public opinion. He was a keen student of political economy and twelve years ago he conducted classes on the science at Annan and Dumfries which called forth the highest praise alike from politicians and unattached business men. He accomplished much in his day and even when health failed him he was passionately attached to the hope and promise of fundamental reform. He was generous minded to a degree and enjoyed the respect and affection of a wide circle of friends who will cherish his memory and who are not likely to forget his enduring contribution to the strength of the movement in our politics. We join in sincerest sympathy with his two daughters and the family in their great loss.—J. P.

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