

price really one billion of dollars instead of the 400 millions just stated in press dispatches. This sale includes but a small portion of the trust's ore lands to say nothing of its more valuable coal lands. Where does the other third of a billion given in U. S. census as total for the nation come in? Is it the Anthracite coal lands, the Standard Company's oil wells, the Calumet and Hela Michigan Copper mines that pay 34 per cent yearly dividends, the Standard oil, the Clark, the Heinze and other copper mines paying countless millions, the Alabama and Tennessee coal and iron region, the nation's bituminous coal, salt, gold, silver, lead, zinc, etc., mines. That third must be accounted for somehow. Perhaps it is the coal and iron recently stolen from Uncle Sam in the West.

WAKEFIELD

### THE REVIEW BRINGS LIGHT INTO DARK PLACES.

Editor *Single Tax Review* :

Some devoted follower of the late lamented Henry George favored me with the "summer number" of the REVIEW. I find so much to encourage me in the columns of that number, isolated as I am as a firm, steadfast, devout believer in the abolition of landlordism as advocated by our noble leader in the midst of our iniquitous generation where graft and injustice seem to rule supreme, that it seems to me that the current issue cannot but have some word calculated to strengthen, revivify and to make plainer and easier the solitary way of the Single Taxer in these parts.

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### UNDER WHAT NAME?

Editor *Single Tax Review* :

I want herewith to commend Brother Bucklin's article "under what name" in the autumn number of the REVIEW in which he has certainly said the right thing and in the right way. It is surprising how little the name "Single Tax" attracts sufficient attention to cause investigation and this indifference I think is explained by Brother Bucklin when he says that the general impression of others than Single Taxers is that it refers merely to a fiscal movement, having nothing to do with correction of the existing unfair and rotten system. On the other hand there are none so ignorant but that they have some idea of the meaning of socialism and hence the dissatisfied will look up Socialism and may become imbued with that ism, having never looked into the claims of Single Tax at all. The Single Tax theories I never hear mentioned by workingmen with whom I am daily brought in contact, while I do hear much of Socialism. I venture to say that the name Georgian will attract at least sufficient curiosity to find

out what it means and thus perhaps in many cases create sufficient interest in some individuals to look up its theories and create an appetite for more, and in this way we may get many recruits to read and study it. We need a name that will cause inquiry and investigation if only from curiosity. "Single Tax" does not do this or at least so slowly that I think it will be many times the 10 years predicted by our deceased Brother Watson Stuart, before this system will be adopted by his native State, Pennsylvania. Apropos of spreading the George "gospel" I think the plan of the Single Taxers of Philadelphia a good one: They send speakers to the city hall plaza every Saturday and Sunday night, perhaps other nights as well who, like the Salvation Army, soon have a crowd about them, and I am sure make many recruits in this way. There is nothing of the kind pursued by Pittsburg Single Taxers and I venture to say there is less known of Single Tax here than any town in the State, population considered.

Like Brother Bucklin I think it would be a good thing to adopt the name "Georgian" and for you to start it by naming the REVIEW as such, only I would suggest "The Georgian Single Tax REVIEW instead of (as Brother Bucklin suggests) inserting "or Georgian" before REVIEW. I have inflicted you with a much longer letter than I intended.

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### A QUOTATION FROM THE GERMAN ORGAN OF THE SINGLE TAX.

Editor *Single Tax Review* :

The last *Deutsche Volksstimme* of Oct. 20 has the following, copied from *Berliner Lokal Anzeiger*.

"The Single Tax is throwing, its shadow before itself."

Although the Grundwerthstener (land-value tax) has not yet been adopted in Berlin, but yet landowners begin to figure with it. Most of the leases executed the last month the clause is inserted. If the land value tax should be adopted, then the lessee is to assume the payment of it. A correspondent to the *Lokal Anzeiger* remarks to this: This disproves the claim of the Single Taxers that a tax on land value can not be shifted.

The *Volksstimme* says to it: "We are delighted that land owners begin to prepare for the unavoidable; and as to the shifting they will learn by experience."

I translate from the *Deutsche Volksstimme*, of Dec. 5th, which came to-day, the following item: "Nearly all of the land near and further around Berlin, controlled by land syndicates for speculative purposes, and in spite of the immense growth of Berlin's population, prices for building lots have