

in his operations and asked to be written down as mercenary. Students will not be surprised to read that the utmost secrecy was required in the acquisition of the land on which he built his town, in order to avoid the blackmail of the land speculator. Politicians may learn that the Socialist party polled their largest proportional vote in 1879, and many other details of political strife. Those whose faces are not set to the front so strongly that they cannot look backward will find the book worth reading.

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AFTER A CENTURY—WHAT?

The Awakening of Zojas. By Miriam Michelson. New York. Doubleday, Page & Company. Price, \$1.00.

A bandit condemned to death becomes the willing subject of an experiment by Luigi Rossi, a celebrated scientist. He is put to sleep for one hundred years by a subtle drug compounded by Rossi who had studied and improved on Hindoo arts. For forty-seven years the scientist watches over the splendid form hidden in the secret chamber connected with his laboratory. Then at eighty-two he bequeaths his mystery to his nephew, Paolo Rossi, who religiously presides over the mystic rites of the grotto chamber for fifty-three more years when—presto! the sleeping Zojas awakes.

But how he awakes, and how he takes up the interrupted action of his life the reader will discover when he buys Miss Michelson's book, which contains also the stories, "Peach Blossoms," "The Cradle," "Tares."

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BOOKS RECEIVED

—**Together.** By Robert Herrick. Published by The Macmillan Co., New York. 1910. Price, \$1.50.

—**A Life for a Life.** By Robert Herrick. Published by The Macmillan Co., New York. 1910. Price, \$1.50.

—**Blaze Derringer.** By Eugene P. Lyle, Jr. Published by Doubleday, Page & Co., New York. 1910. Price, \$1.20.

—**Social and Mental Traits of the Negro.** By Howard W. Odum. Studies in History, Economics and Public Law. Vol. XXXV'I, Number 3. Published for

Columbia University by Longmans, Green & Co., New York. 1910.

—**Wage-Earning Women.** By Annie Marlon MacLean. Published by the Macmillan Co., New York. 1910. Price, \$1.25 net.

—**Bulletin of the Bureau of Labor.** March, 1910. Wholesale Prices, 1890 to March, 1910. Cost of Living in Belgium. Court Decisions Affecting Labor. Published by the Department of Commerce and Labor, Washington, D. C. 1910.

PAMPHLETS

The Purposes of the Fels Fund.

"The Taxation of Land Values, a Proposal for Economic and Social Reform" (The Joseph Fels Fund of America, Commercial Tribune Building, Cincinnati, Ohio), makes a concise explanation of the purposes of the Fels Fund (vol. xii, pp. 466, 520, 545, 796, 953, 1169). Though distributed free on application, it is not issued for the purpose of soliciting subscriptions. Its publication is to emphasize the far-reaching nature of the social and economic changes that would flow from the reform suggested by Henry George more than a quarter of a century ago. But a hearing, comments, and criticism are solicited. Written by Frederic C. Howe and printed by Horace Carr, this pamphlet is as strong in presentation and interesting in statement as it is handsome in appearance. It brings out with exceptional clearness the answer to the crude notion that the single tax is a mere fiscal reform, or at most a land reform and not a social reform. "The single tax is least of all a taxing measure," to quote from the pamphlet; "this is but incidental, though essential, to a larger social ideal—an ideal as far-reaching in its consequences as socialism but far simpler in its application." How far reaching it is may be inferred from this additional and demonstrable statement of fact, that "land value taxation would socialize from 50 to 75 per cent of the wealth of America."

PERIODICALS

The fisheries—except pearl and shark—of Lower California, a distance of 1,500 miles, are controlled by one company, which holds a concession from the Mexican government so strict in its provisions that no one at any point along the entire coast of the peninsula can take fish for any market without consent of the company. The Consular Report (June 4) of the resultant meager amount of fishing done, serves as a reminder that the earth's re-

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