

A Profile of J. J. Pastoriza

J. J. Pastoriza, who has permanently re-tired from an active business life to devote his energies to the furtherance of the Single Tax cause, was born in New Orleans. His mother and father both died of yellow fever while he was yet an infant. He was adopted into the family of Edward Daly, who was subsequently killed in the war of the rebellion. He left some means to provide for young Pastoriza, but this was soon exhausted, and at the age of seven-teen, without a dollar in the world, the boy obtained a position in a printing establishment in the city of Houston. At twenty-one he became the manager of the only daily paper published at that time in Houston. He managed to save a little money, and with this he purchased a job printing plant.

Since 1879 he has been in business for himself and he has prospered. Now with a competence he retires to take up the work that will engage his energies, the work that has made him known in Houston and elsewhere. His reputation as a successful business man, who brought to the details of business life the same high principles that actuate him in the advocacy of the economic truths in which he believes, has done much to predispose the minds of his fellow citizens to a hospitable hearing of the Single Tax. Questions of public importance have always enlisted his support, and this attitude has also contributed to the influence of his advocacy of the greater principle. He has been one of the most active members of the "Big Six". We congratulate the workers in Texas that they are now to have the undivided labors of this active and keenly practical business man in the furtherance of our great cause. That Mr. Pastoriza might still continue in business, and further swell the fortune he has made, is certain, and that he is making a sacrifice in now withdrawing from an active business life, is proof of the hold that the truths of Progress and Poverty have upon the minds of men. It contains a lesson of tremendous significance, that must not be forgotten by those who grow impatient at the slow growth of the movement. Slow as it seems such growth is real and deep.