

trades. The New York Sun secured his conviction and imprisonment on a charge of criminal libel, but he was pardoned by Gov. Odell. He was a brave soldier in the war for human freedom. Stephen Bell in the Unionist for May 23 says of him:

"He was one of those who perceived as clearly as he comprehended the multiplication table the great truth that this earth is nobody's property, but belongs in usufruct to all humanity through all generations, and foresaw the ultimate fulfilment of the prophecy: 'They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat the fruit of them. They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat.'"

Our old friend, Rev. Henry Ancketill, formerly of New York city, now of Durban, has been nominated for the Borough of Durban. A free breakfast table and the taxation of land values are planks in the platform set forth in his address to the voters.

Prof. Laughlin of the University of Chicago, recently said: "No speaker whom I have ever heard produced on me so great an impression as the Rev. Herbert S. Bigelow. He was scholarly, eloquent, forceful and as keen as a rapier."

The Peoria (Ill.) Star published an address of Robert L. Cumming on Tom Johnson, delivered before a large audience at the Sunday Lyceum, giving three columns to the report.

Our readers will sympathize with our faithful and devoted worker, Rabbi J. L. Stern, of Cumberland, Md., in the loss of his wife, who died on April 30. Mrs. Stern was a single taxer and a self-sacrificing co-worker of her distinguished husband.

ENGLAND'S TAXES.

Commenting on the increased burden placed upon the British subject by the budget, the London Daily Mail says that he should feel greatly comforted when he learns that he is not taxed anything like so heavily as other Europeans. Take the Italians, for example, it explains. Their accumulated taxes are a positive nightmare. An Italian pays away in taxes 22 per cent. of his earnings, compared with the Englishman's 9.3. The population of Italy is 10,000,000 less than that of Great Britain, and yet the income tax in the former country is made to produce as much as in the United Kingdom. An even more striking comparison is that between Russia and Italy. Russia has a population of 93,000,000; Italy has 30,000,000, and yet the total amount of the income tax is the same in both countries. Italy has a debt of £500,000,000, which is growing at the rate of £14,000,000 a year. The only way the Italians can escape the taxation is to emigrate, and this they are doing in con-

siderable numbers. France has £20,000,000 more taxes than the United Kingdom. Each inhabitant pays 11s. a year more than anyone lucky enough to be living in the United Kingdom. Moreover, an Englishman's earnings are greater than those of a Frenchman. The latter devotes 15.6 per cent. of his income to maintaining his country. The German is much better off than his Gallic neighbor. He pays in taxes nearly 30s. a year less, or only 10.4 of his earnings. Another proof of the prosperity of Great Britain is that, whereas each subject of the Fatherland contributes £1 a year less to the revenue than an Englishman, he really parts with 1 per cent. more of his wages. Hollanders are more heavily taxed than Englishmen are. Substantial taxes are imposed on such necessaries as sugar, salt, soap and beef. The result is that each resident in the country of canals must needs set aside 15.1 per cent. of his income to meet the requirements of the national expenditure. Although Austria only requires about £1 10s. a year, this modest sum works out a higher percentage of the people's earnings than is the case in England.

THE FUNERAL OF JAMES A. HERNE.

The funeral services of James A. Herne were held on Tuesday, June 4, at his home on Convent avenue. Flowers and floral ornaments sent by personal friends and professional associates were placed around the parlors, and an orchestra of three pieces played some of the dead actor's favorite airs. The spirit of the dead man dominated the observances to a marked degree; the most untheatrical of actors, the services held over his remains were unique in their simplicity. His well-known aversion to conventional mourning was reflected in the entire absence of black, both in the decorations of the house and in the garb of his sorrowing family, and his dislike of conventional religion in the absence of the ministers of any recognized denomination. The same devotion to truth as he saw it which characterized "Shore Acres" and "Griffith Davenport" marked the closing scene, and this very fidelity to truth made the occasion more genuinely dramatic than it is easy to describe in words.

Mrs. Julia Draper sang a simple hymn, "Through the Night," with a pathos which caused the deep sorrow of many present to find visible expression.

Promptly at 1 o'clock Mr. Augustus Thomas advanced to the head of the coffin and pronounced a most beautiful eulogy. It was followed by John S. Crosby, whose words delivered in a most impressive style recalled to the mourners' minds the reason why single taxers delighted to do honor to James A. Herne. He was followed by Milton Nobles, who from the fullness of a friendship of forty years spoke of the deceased as he had known him as friend and actor; the members of the lodge to which Mr. Herne belonged then took for-