

State will be sufficiently encouraged, and provision also made for the approaching shortage in revenue caused by the expiration of the financial sections of the Commonwealth constitution. Embodied in this bill will be found provisions for the assessment and taxation of unimproved land values."

It is stated that the bill will provide for the taxation of the unimproved value of land without any exemption. This remains to be seen.

Commenting upon the above item on the Government policy the *Argus* says:

"The Ministerial statement is that a land tax will be necessary for the purpose of revenue, apart altogether from its use as a political penalty upon landholders; and if this statement can be justified, it will remove the objection which must attach to a merely afflictive tax."

This partial approval by the *Argus* of the policy of taxing land values instead of industry is an encouraging sign of the times. I hope in my next to give some details of the measure, and to be able to report satisfactory progress in Parliament.

A. C. NICHOLS.

EUROA, Victoria.

HON. Tom L. Johnson was nominated for Mayor by the democrats of Cleveland. The vote stood 15,039 to 1,317. Herman G. Baehr was nominated by the Republicans.

"WHEN Bjornson and Tolstoy go there will be no great men left in the world," says Richard La Galliene.

ARE you still a Single Taxer? A pertinent question addressed to a number of those once active in the movement.

AN interview with John J. Hopper adorned by a portrait of this prominent independent and Single Taxer, and possible candidate for mayor of Greater New York, appeared in the *N. Y. American's* issue of August 30th.

THE JOSEPH FELS FUND OF AMERICA  
(For the Review)

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MR. FELS AND THE MOTIVE THAT INSPIRES  
HIM—WORK OF THE COMMISSION TO DATE  
AND SUM SUBSCRIBED—MANY SINGLE  
TAXERS STRANGELY INDIFFERENT TO  
THIS MAGNIFICENT OPPORTUNITY.

When Henry George gave his idea, embodied in the pages of *Progress and Poverty*, to the world thirty years ago, he expressed the hope that it would attract some man of power who, by the championship of his cause, would compel universal consideration of its truths.

In Joseph Fels, the millionaire manufacturer of Philadelphia and London, this hope is fulfilled. Mr. Fels is rendering the Single Tax movement in various countries substantial financial aid and thereby imparting to it a needed stimulus.

He has offered to the Single Taxers of America the sum of \$25,000 annually for five years, an equal amount to the British League and varying sums to the Single Tax organizations of Germany, Denmark, Hungary, New Zealand, the Australian states, Canada, etc. These contributions are conditioned upon the raising by the Single Taxers of these countries of an equal amount. Mr. Fels proposes to match every dollar so raised up to the stipulated sums.

In a recent interview granted by Mr. Joseph Fels to an English magazine writer, on being asked what was the real underlying reason of all this effort outside his business in support of a theory, he answered: "My reason? Beyond the fact that I believe this would be a reform which would settle most if not the whole of the problem of poverty, I have another reason. When I turn my toes up to the daisies, and go to enrich the flowers, my money will be no help to me. I feel I had better put it where it will do the most good now while I have breath and a few brains left to apply it."

For several years he has been lending his aid, by voice, pen and means, to our cause

in the British Isles. Largely owing to this opportune assistance the British democracy has seen the light of a great truth and is now engaged in a tremendous struggle with privilege.

Perhaps Mr. Fels' activity in England has had more to do with the progress made on the Budget fight than would be believed, and it is because of the encouragement of this success in England that he is eager to apply similar methods here, in Canada, Australia, Switzerland—wherever there is an opportunity. The whole point and pith of his tactics is to concentrate all resources, attention and work upon the one, two, three or more spots where the conditions and the previous fighting offer the best hope of making a demonstration by the practical application of democratic principles of economics. This on the theory that one demonstration will save a hundred arguments.

The American Fels Fund Commission, appointed to raise money to duplicate the Fels Fund and to expend it in the promotion of the Single Tax, has, largely as the result of two circular letters, raised to date nearly twelve thousand dollars.

Over one thousand individuals have already contributed to the Fund and it is hoped that the third circular letter, a copy of which is published in this issue of the REVIEW, will bring responses from a still greater number.

Mr. Fels arrived at the conclusion, years since, that if modern civilization should endure, great changes in social and political life would be necessary. A thorough study of the social question brought him into agreement with Tolstoy, who said: "Henry George has indicated the next great step in the progressive movement of the world." He realized that the public appropriation of ground rent and the remission of all other forms of taxation would banish involuntary poverty, minimize the ills to which humanity is subject, prolong life, bring universal peace and prepare the way for the brotherhood of man. Realizing the supreme importance of the subject, as well as what he conceived to be his own duty in the matter, his practical mind seized the opportunity which his great wealth gave him

of strengthening the arms of those in all lands who are intelligently striking at the roots of privilege.

The American Fels Fund Commission, influenced by the consensus of opinion of leading Single Taxers throughout the country, has decided not to scatter the fund promiscuously, but to concentrate it on states where the movement is sufficiently advanced to promise early success.

The line is being drawn between democracy and privilege. As a result the great political parties in America are disintegrating. To arouse the whole people to political action, a great moral issue is necessary. The Single Tax will supply this issue, provided the followers of Henry George can show practical results in a single State. The Fels Fund makes this possible. Therefore it seems to us the duty, as it should be the pleasure, of every Single Taxer to rally, to the extent of his ability, to the support of this movement and the strengthening of the hands of the Commission.

(The Fels Fund Commissioners feel justified in the complaint they make against the general run of American Single Taxers. With no definite statistics at hand, the belief is that there are at least fifteen to twenty thousand avowed Single Taxers in the United State and that they should only have heard from one thousand of them is the cause of their complaint.) They feel that if you, reader of this, have not sent in your contribution you should do so. They are not assessing anyone or dictating the amounts of their contributions. They insist that no contribution is too small to be appreciated by them. The suggestion has been frequently made to the Commission that they hire solicitors to go about drumming up funds. They do not want to do that. They believe it a waste of the contributor's money, and of their own good time. Furthermore, that it is not democratic.

We have to date a little less than \$12,000.00 pledged. It has been suggested that the fund be completed by estimating what would be a fair quota for each State. This seems a good plan, but we are not yet in possession of sufficient data to enable us to make a fair estimate. If the States were to contribute equal amounts, the full

sum would require but little more than \$500 a year each. It would seem that so small an amount ought to be raised in every State without difficulty and if our friends in each would make \$500 a year their minimum, the larger amounts which some of the States could easily raise would carry us well beyond the required \$25,000.00. Inasmuch as Mr. Fels agrees to match every dollar, we should then have much more than the \$50,000.00 a year we are now looking forward to. Following is a list of the pledges so far received, classified by States:

	No. of Con- tributeors.	Amount.
Alabama .....	13	\$62.00
Arizona .....	3	15.00
Arkansas .....	9	78.00
California.....	67	632.25
Colorado.....	24	185.00
Connecticut.....	9	59.00
Delaware.....	7	32.00
Florida.....	2	7.00
Georgia.....	4	17.00
Idaho.....	1	5.00
Illinois.....	101	1484.00
Indiana.....	10	157.00
Iowa.....	18	70.00
Kansas.....	17	75.25
Kentucky.....	4	306.00
Louisiana.....	12	62.00
Maine.....	10	129.00
Maryland.....	29	392.00
Massachusetts.....	80	585.50
Michigan.....	35	410.70
Minnesota.....	22	92.00
Mississippi.....	1	5.00
Missouri.....	41	396.50
Montana.....	5	18.00
Nebraska.....	11	49.25
Nevada.....	3	8.00
N. Hampshire.....	3	22.00
N. Jersey.....	39	658.00
N. Mexico.....	4	14.00
New York.....	113	2042.15
N. Carolina.....	5	9.00
N. Dakota.....	4	32.00
Ohio.....	90	1367.50
Oklahoma.....	4	9.50
Oregon.....	23	267.00
Pennsylvania.....	75	1110.00
Rhode Island.....	6	28.00
S. Carolina.....	1	1.50

S. Dakota.....	7	61.00
Tennessee.....	5	36.00
Texas.....	20	235.00
Utah.....	1	5.00
Vermont.....	1	2.00
Virginia.....	6	20.50
Washington.....	27	153.00
West Virginia.....	2	27.00
Wisconsin.....	23	167.50
Wyoming.....	5	14.00
Belgium.....	1	50.00
Canada.....	1	15.00
Canal Zone.....	1	10.00
Mexico.....	1	4.99
Total.....	1006	\$11694.19

The Fels Fund Commission are in want of volunteers to perform for love of the cause the work of raising this fund, and they believe that they can meet that kind of support if they can once get it into the heads of Single Tax men and women that it is their business and not that of the Commission only. The Commission believe that everyone who puts up a dollar for this fund will send with it his interest in the work, and that is what they are wanting. Considerable can be done with the money they have. They believe they can and probably will get some more big contributions, but that is the way the big political parties were financed and owned, and if money was all that was wanted they could get it. But it isn't only money they are after; it is the moral support of the work undertaken that should come with every contribution.

The Fels Fund Commission feel that if they could but impress upon Single Taxers and radicals generally how much more interested they are in the number than in the size of contributions, it would the more readily be understood why they are trying to impress everyone with the importance of their responding in some amount, no matter how small.

PROPERTY owners in Nashville, Tenn., have been notified by the City Council to construct curbs and sidewalks where needed in front of their lots. A large number are affected by this order.