

REV. HERBERT S. BIGELOW is reported to be advocating an old age pension for the State of Ohio. It is said that this measure is likely to win in the legislature. The plan is said to be to get this pension law without indicating any specific means of raising it. This is in accordance with the theory that if the needs of revenue can be sufficiently increased the legislature will be compelled to revert to the tax on land values. That was the burden of many a rose-hued prophesy in the past. Along came the war and called for an increase of several billions in revenue. Then we adopted a host of new taxes—income, inheritance and capital taxes. And there was talk of a Federal Sales Tax. But no talk at all of a land value tax.

Let the Single Taxers of Ohio get together and fight for this pension provision providing no means of getting it, but leaving it to the prolific inventive faculties of the Ohio legislature. Then the Ohio citizen will find a few more taxes added to the list which Brother Doty, of Cleveland, compiled not long ago. And the people who get the pension will pay it. And life will be harder all round for everybody.

These activities are worse than useless. We assume that it is another scheme to slip over a part of the Single Tax on the people. It smacks so much of Mr. Bigelow's former activities, which finally resulted in the introduction into the Ohio Constitution of the Initiative and Referendum, but the inhibition of their use to secure the Single Tax, which was hailed by Mr. Bigelow and his friends as a great victory for the cause! Isn't the game a little bit overplayed and out of date in this year of our Lord?

SURELY there was need for a Single Tax Party when nearly everybody else was engaged in playing at schemes of this kind. Surely there was need for a declaration of our principles in a platform that left no doubt of what we wanted and why we wanted it. "The Rent of Land Belongs to the People." Out of it may be met all the needs of revenue and, reasonably enough, an Old Age Pension as well.