

personal friendship of twenty-five years I can truly say that never in thought, word or action was he less than just, noble, upright, true and kind. Mr. Overmyer was a tireless student, a ripe and varied scholar, a polished and forcible writer in prose and verse, the greatest orator and ablest lawyer of his State, but no would-be client ever had money enough to shield a scoundrel from justice. This led other attorneys to say that juries always favored him because they thought his client must be in the right or he would not have taken their case.

For a quarter of a century he had been the able, self-sacrificing leader of the radical reform element of Kansas. Not only just taxation, but the effective ballot, the initiative and referendum and primary election laws, freedom of municipalities and control of monopolies until they could be eliminated, found in him a tireless and powerful champion. He was intensely a hater of shams, of cant, frauds and injustice, and a lover of freedom. His home life was ideally perfect, his personal habits and character beyond reproach and he was respected even by the rascals he scourged. He was of the stuff that good Single Taxers are made.

W. H. T. WAKEFIELD.

#### DEATH OF JOSEPH C. BUCHANAN.

The Single Tax cause lost one of its truest and most devoted advocates by the recent death of J. C. Buchanan, at Pittsburg, Kansas, in the 76th year of his age.

Mr. Buchanan was a native of Scotland who came to Canada in his youth, where he received a good education and learned the printer's trade and newspaper business. While still a young man he came to Iowa, where he engaged in newspaper work, owning several weekly papers, all of which were on progressive and reform lines of thought. About twenty five years ago he located in Pittsburg, Kas. and established "The Pittsburg Kansan" which he conducted as a Single Tax and ballot reform advocate until its sale in 1904.

Mr. Buchanan was one of the earliest disciples of Henry George, and few so well comprehended the George philosophy in its far reaching results. As a writer he was terse, direct, clear and forcible. As a man he was broad minded, liberal, kindly, with malice for none and charity for all. He had a staunch friend in every man or woman who knew him well, for he was in every respect a thoroughly good man. Temperate, industrious, rigidly honest, fair to opponents, with large and varied information, he was influential and respected in his community. Only advancing age and ill health compelled him to lay down his work for humanity, a work prosecuted through many difficulties and dis-

couragements. Every good cause found in him a ready champion: every unfortunate person a self-sacrificing friend. He was a typical Single Taxer.

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#### SINGLE TAX WOMEN AT WORK.

##### SPLENDID EVIDENCES OF THEIR ACTIVITY IN MANY CITIES.

The seventh annual conference of the Womans' National Single Tax League will be held in Orange, New Jersey, on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, May 27th, 28th and 29th, 1907.

These annual gatherings of Single Tax women are becoming more interesting each year, and are an evidence of the interest women are taking in economic questions. At the conference in Philadelphia two years ago the clubs in the organization pledged themselves to raise a fund for propaganda work. At the meeting in Brooklyn last spring the money was turned over to the treasurer, and the new Ex. Board instructed to send speakers to women's clubs whenever the opportunity was given. Last fall a circular, offering to supply a speaker on Child Labor, Single Tax, or any economic question, was sent to the clubs in the State Federations of New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Connecticut.

The response has been most gratifying, and that the speakers have done good work is evidenced by the fact that several clubs have sent requests for a second lecture.

In nearly every instance a speaker "from abroad" and on an economic subject has been a radical departure from the usual methods of the clubs, has aroused the interest of the members and brought good sized audiences, and the press notices have been accurate and favorable.

Among the clubs addressed by Miss Grace Isabel Colbron are the Kosmos, Winter and Bedford Political Equality Clubs of Brooklyn; Woman's Club, Grantwood, New Jersey; Irving Club, Irvington, N. J.; Present Day Club, of Princeton, N. J.; Sorosis, Patchogue, N. Y.; Political Equality League of New Haven, and on April 11th she will speak on Child Labor, at the convention of the Connecticut Congress of Mothers, to be held in New Haven. Speakers have also been supplied to Clubs in New York City, Flushing, Orange, Far Rockaway, Coatesville and Columbia, Pa., etc.

Mr. Frank Stephens, of Philadelphia, will address a mass meeting on April 6th at So. Bethlehem, Pa., under the auspices of the school teachers of that city where Child Labor exists in its worst form.

Mr. Wm. L. Ross, of Philadelphia, will deliver a lecture in a series to be given in Erie, Pa., during the Industrial Exhibit; he speaks also in Titusville and Pittsburgh. Among the well known Single Taxers who

have also addressed meetings for the League are Miss Amy Hicks, Mrs. Florence A. Burleigh, Chas. Fredk. Adams, John S. Crosby, Haines D. Albright, Bolton Hall, Gustav W. Thompson and H. B. Maurer.

The Ex Board extends a cordial invitation to Single Tax women and men and all who are interested in this reform, especially women in cities where there are no Single Tax organizations, to attend the next conference. A number of short papers showing the effect the Single Tax will bring along different lines will be read by members of the organization; an evening meeting, with an address by some one prominent in the work, and a banquet, will be features of the meeting. Any information desired may be obtained by addressing Dr. Mary D. Hussey, 142 N. Arlington Ave., East Orange, N. J., or Mrs. Minnie Rogers Ryan, 485 Hancock St., Brooklyn, N. Y.

#### SHALL A WORLD CONVENTION OF SINGLE TAXERS BE HELD HERE IN OCTOBER?

On October 29th a decade will have passed since Henry George met his death in the midst of a struggle for the realization of his ideas. Many of his companions have since then trodden the same road and a new generation which knows him not, is arising about us. Boys who were too young to apprehend the importance of his teaching are now exercising their functions as citizens, and to but few of these outside the families of Single Taxers has the message been brought. And yet it is to youth we must look for that fervor of idealism, and that worship of justice which impel men to give their lives to our sacred cause.

The commemoration of the Tenth Anniversary of Henry George's death in a becoming manner might be made the starting point of a new crusade which would enlist in its ranks the generous and impetuous youth of the nation, as a generation ago the campaign of '86 did for those of us who enjoyed the supreme distinction of being Henry George's companions in arms.

I therefore appeal to the Single Taxers throughout the world, through the columns of the SINGLE TAX REVIEW, to make the coming anniversary an event of such significance, as to assure the doubting Thomases, who question whether the ideas of Henry George are marching on or falling into oblivion.

Let a world convention of Single Taxers be held in New York to show the world that there is one school of economic thought that knows no political or racial boundaries and that holds that the same truth is good for all the nations. In order to make such a move effective steps would have to be taken at once to organize a national committee, funds would have to be raised and a plan of conference decided upon. If the work is taken up early enough and earnestly

enough, it can be made a great impetus to the work of spreading the light everywhere. Communications may be addressed to the REVIEW by those who approve the idea and a local committee will be organized to do the preliminary work of convening the larger committee. Let us hear as little as possible of obstacles. Obstacles only exist for those who recognize them. If in this work we refuse to admit the possibility of failure, which can only come through our own apathy, we shall succeed greatly.

JOHN J. MURPHY.

#### LETTER TO BOSTON'S MAYOR.

FROM C. B. FILLEBROWN, WHICH APPEARED  
IN ALL THE BOSTON PAPERS.

Dear Sir—Every thoughtful citizen of Boston must rejoice that your Honor, in the proposed measure for the extension of Hamilton Place, has struck the true key-note to the "bigger and busier" Boston symphony by asking the Legislature to determine (1) whether the sovereign power of eminent domain resides in the individual landowner or in the people; (2) whether, in view of the recognized fact that all rights in public franchises do not vest in the owning corporation, is it not equally true that all the rights in land do not vest in the landowner; (3) whether, if railroads may be regulated by the government at a loss to their stockholders, a city may not have sufficient sovereign domain to enable it to improve its own land to the profit of both the owner and the public. A recent Winter Street example must be fresh in the minds of those interested in real estate, where the right of individual domain by advancing the price of land from \$100 to \$200 per sq. foot, compassed the ignominious defeat of a million dollar plan for supplying the urgent needs of business.

If Boston is not as busy as she might be one reason is that she largely expends her taxes, exactly as she is asked to do by the abutters on Hamilton Place at the recent State House hearing, for the benefit of the landowner, instead of the aggrandizement of her own business interests. Boston's taxes are heavy partly for the reason that in our congested districts taxes are out of proportion to business accommodation and facilities.

If legislation will put the landowner in the same class with the business man, and with the municipality itself, instead of in a preferred class by himself; if it will make the rights of the living storekeeper and the living customer equal to, and in harmony, instead of in conflict with the right of the dead landowner, there will cease to be occasion for his Honor the Mayor to reproach business men with lack of cooperation. This Hamilton Place battle has got to be fought out by public agitation and by an appeal to the minds of those few intelligent and public