

What follow are some gems of Johnsonese :

"The cattle tax of Ohio is almost as large as the railroad assessment."

"Didn't you make the fact that you have no use for McLean any stronger than you have stated?"

"Eh? Well," said the mayor, "if I remember correctly I did say that the Democratic State convention might indorse Mr. McLean and kill the ticket if it wanted to."

Mayor Tom asked Wadsworth to bring with him to the next meeting of county auditors data regarding the bonded debt of the road, its earnings and other necessary figures.

"If I can find them, I will. You give me only twenty-four hours' notice."

"You've had twenty-four years," said Mayor Tom.

"Some people call me a reformer. I plead not guilty. I'm for progress, not for reform."

"I like the *New York Sun*. It says so much better the things I don't believe in than other papers say the things I do believe in."

A Hitherto Unpublished Letter of the Great Russian Novelist and Reformer, Leo Tolstoy, to an American Lady.

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... Please thank Henry George very much for the feelings which have prompted him to send me his books, and for the books themselves. I value very highly both the one and the other. Some of these books were unknown to me, such as "The Perplexed Philosopher" (an excellent book, a translation of which I hope to get passed by the censor), "The Land Question," and "Free Trade."

Reading them, as always when I read the books of Henry George, I experienced admiration of the clearness, brilliancy, masterliness of the rendering, and of his persuasiveness, and a feeling of indignation against those people who try not to understand, and to boycott his teaching. His thoughts are brought to that degree of clearness and persuasiveness that anyone beginning to think about these questions cannot but accept his plan immediately he becomes acquainted with it. And yet, here is a second decade passing since he stepped forward and nowhere yet have these thoughts found a practical application, notwithstanding that seventy papers support his views. I am always touched by the Biblical story about Moses not seeing the Promised Land into which he directed the people. Not that it is inevitable or necessary that one should not see the fruits of one's labors, but that men, the best men, do the most important work in the world, not only without expecting recompense, but even without the hope of seeing the realization of that to which they have dedicated their lives.

Henry George belongs to these men. He was the first to lay a firm foundation to the building of the future economical organization, and mankind will always remember his name with thankfulness and respect. But will he succeed in seeing the fruits of his labors? I never despair. I think one should always so work as to be ready to realize one's idea to-morrow, yet not to be grieved if it is postponed perhaps for centuries.

Henry George composed a multiplication table—clear, universally comprehensible, irrefutable. He has done his work. Let those who can put it in practice do their part. One thing is certain: that those who desire to make calculations cannot avoid the multiplication table; so also those who desire to organize the social life of mankind on juster foundations will not be able to avoid Henry George's plan, and will take it as their basis.

Tell him that I esteem him very highly and love him.

LEO TOLSTOY.

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