

CONTROLLER AGREES WITH A. C.
PLEYDELL.

In the recent report of Controller Morrow, of Pittsburg, that official takes advanced ground. He says:

"Before I studied it seriously I did not like the Single Tax idea." said the Controller. "I have not read a line of Henry George's Single Tax plan, and am not willing to go so far as he and recommend that all revenue be derived from a land tax. But I think that a modified form of the land tax has become necessary. The present system certainly is not fair."

Controller Morrow then quotes approvingly and at length from a recent opinion of A. C. Pleydell, secretary of the New York Tax Reform Association, in which that gentleman says: "A serious loss of revenue is due to the under assessment of vacant lots and badly improved properties."

"ARDEN" HAS A PAPER.

No. 1, Vol. 1, of *Arden Leaves*, is a little magazinelet, twelve pages and cover, which chronicles the village life of Arden, the Single Tax colony of Delaware. It is neatly printed, and breathes the free and beautiful spirit of Arden.

In speaking of Arden the following from the *Detroit News Tribune* has this to say:

"The colony is not run by a lot of long haired men and bespectacled short haired women. Among its founders, besides Joseph Fels, the millionaire soap manufacturer, are Frank Stephens and William Price, the architect. Its inhabitants are artists, journalists, manufacturers, bankers, brokers, and physicians; though anybody and everybody is welcome who will be contented to lease ground for ninety-nine years and pay a rental of \$1. a year an acre.

The community is not communistic in any sense of the word, except the one implied by the Single Tax idea, which decrees that no one shall own land or receive individual benefit from its value or improvement, but that the proceeds from rentals shall go to pay taxes and improve the property for the community. It is modeled after the settlement at Fairhope,

Ala., and is being utilized by Joseph Fels to prove some of his theories, which helped to bring about in England the present situation of the land value and taxation budget of Lloyd George, the chancellor of the exchequer."

LETTER FROM THE DAUGHTER OF
COUNT LEO TOLSTOY.

(The following letter from the daughter of the late Leo Tolstoy addressed to George A. Schilling, of Chicago, has just fallen into our hands, and we print it here for the first time. Our readers will be glad to know that the work laid down by Count Tolstoy is to be carried on by one of his kin.)

Dear Sir—

I am very much interested in the Single Tax question, about which I am writing a book in Russian. I am well acquainted with Henry George's land platform and have read all his books several times. But there is one question which I should like to make clear. That is: What has been done in the world in the sense of literature, clubs, and in the practical execution of the Single Tax system? Would it be abusing your kindness to ask you to give me some information in that direction? If any expenses would be required, please write and tell me, and I shall send you the amount.

My father, Leo Tolstoy, has read the beginning of my book and encourages me very much to finish it, which is difficult, as I have not sufficient material for my work. Asking you to excuse me for my liberty, believe me, dear sir,

Yours truly

Tatiana Soukhotine
(born Tolstoy)

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The Manhattan Single Tax Club holds class meetings in political economy every Friday evening. Mr. William Ryan is teacher.