

Perry, La.

*Editor Single Tax Review:*

I desire to express my views upon the article of Mr. Edward T. Weeks upon "Independent Political Action For Single Taxers." I do not know that I thoroughly agree with the details of Mr. Weeks' plan, but wish to state that in my opinion, his position as to the moral guilt of all Single Taxers, who for any cause whatever vote with either of the existing political parties, is unquestionable. There is also no question in my mind but that our political work and attitude should be governed by as high a moral principle as actuates all honest men in any transaction of life, and the question of expediency should not, in my mind, be considered at all unless it absolutely conforms to this high moral standard.

I believe, and have always believed, that we would accomplish more, and would by now have been much further advanced, had we come out in the open years ago and made an absolute fight for the principles we believe to be right by organizing and working in the political field for single tax straight, and refusing to compromise, or be side-tracked by any party on any other issue. Believing this way, I have not voted any party ticket in national or congressional elections for twelve years, and do not expect to until I can have a proposition to vote for with a principle behind it.

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By all means let us have a Single Tax party. It seems clear to me that the advertising obtained and the discussion aroused can be obtained in no other way.

I cannot but believe that had a party, advocating *only the Single Tax*, been organized after the anti-poverty meetings were held, that long ago the fight would have been won.

Since that time we have seen the Populists rise to a respectable vote, and I feel confident that had they a living truth behind them, it would have been held up to the light, and the inevitable discussion have brought it to the consideration of every thinking man and woman and forced one of the old parties to adopt it or perish.

Let us meet at St. Louis in 1904 and organize.

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Permit me to call Mr. Weeks' attention to the following quotation from "Progress and Poverty."

"It is an axiom of statesmanship, which the successful founders of tyranny have understood and acted upon—that great changes can best be brought about under old forms. We, who would free men, should heed the same truth. It is the nat-

ural method. When nature would make a higher type, she takes a lower one and develops it. This, also, is the law of social growth. Let us work by it. With the current we may glide fast and far. Against it, it is hard pulling and slow progress."

Fifteen years of active Single Tax propaganda makes it very evident to my mind, that here in Ohio, we have but one choice, and that is to support with heart and soul the fight that is now being waged under the leadership of Mayor Johnson.

If I have a buggy and harness, and my friend has a horse, and my destination is Jonesville, and his is Thomasville, fifty miles this side of Jonesville, I do not alter my destination when I say to him "Put your horse in my harness, and hitch him to my buggy, and together we will drive to Thomasville." It is simply a common-sense, every day transaction, in which neither party is deceived.

Here in Ohio, we have an opportunity to raise the whole question of taxation. Because every man with whom we associate politically, has not the same destination in view as ourselves, we do not feel that there is any "Compromise," or that it is a mere matter of "Expediency," when we work with him.

There is always a time to strike, and that is when the iron is hot. That time has arrived in Ohio, and Single Taxers who lose the opportunity, or stop to split hairs, are of no special use, either to themselves or the cause. The world progresses by the acts of men who do things.

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Ten years ago I was informed that only recruits to the Single Tax desired independent action, but time has confirmed my opinion that we were wrong then and wrong now in not throwing this question into the political arena. If leading Single Taxers refuse to go with us, go without them.

We are striking cowardice into the hearts of the Single Taxers of the future by our inaction. I have never yet found a royal road to success, and this continual hunt for the "Line of least resistance" is a hunt for something that does not exist and never existed. The only way to do anything is to go ahead and do it.

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Where there are a number of active workers in a county I would say organize, and through it boldly show the right and capture any organization you can, for the prestige of organization is much.

With me in this monopoly ridden county of Fayette, Penn., where nine out of ten