

## DEATH OF FREDERICK CHAPMAN.

Frederick Chapman, a well-known Single Taxer resident of Fairhope, died May 30th, of heart failure. He was about 60 years of age, a man of scholarly attainments and many qualities of gentleness and humanity, which endeared him to his associates. He was fond of the study of nature, and wrote of his observations in a most interesting way. Many were his contributions to the *Fairhope Courier* and the *Standard of Daphne, Ala.* He was a staunch lover of liberty. He leaves a sister, Miss Altona Chapman, as well as relatives in New York City.

## DEATH OF R. H. CAGE.

In the death of Robert H. Cage, at Pass Christian, on May 30th, the Single Tax movement lost one of its most earnest and successful workers. He was a whole-souled, lovable man, of cheerful temperament, whose sincerity and love of his fellow-men were written into the very lines of his face. These qualities enabled him to approach men of all classes successfully, and many a one read Single Tax literature at his request who could not otherwise have been induced to consider it.

Mr. Cage was born in Mississippi fifty-six years ago, but has resided in Louisiana almost from boyhood. For many years he was a traveling man, at first as a drummer and later as a broker. In this way he became widely known throughout the States, and made a host of friends, but no enemies. For he was one of the few who are not only without malice, but whose lack of malice is too evident to permit others to suspect ulterior motives. He was very prominent in Masonic circles, being for two terms grand master of Louisiana. Due to his intuitive sense of right, Mr. Cage had but to see the inherent justice of the Single Tax to know that it was economically correct. And his was one of the rare instances of almost immediate, yet unswerving, devotion to the cause. One of his neighbors to whom R. S. McMahon (who is the Single Tax daddy of Louisiana workers) had loaned a copy of "Property in Land," handed the book over the fence to Mr. Cage, one morning in 1893, with a rather commendatory comment, and by that evening Mr. Cage was an earnest, working Single Taxer. He was one of the little coterie who organized the Pelican State Single Tax Club in New Iberia about the fall of 1893, which club maintained an active existence for a number of years, campaigning for the movement. Its principal work was sending out literature. And in this Mr. Cage was a most valuable assistant. He knew good men at nearly every post office, and not only saw that the club mailed books to them, but every week, when start-

ing on his trip, he would load up his grip with pamphlets and tracts for distribution. And whether selling goods, or in the hotel lobby of an evening, or yet while at sessions of Masonic lodges throughout the State, Mr. Cage always found opportunity to talk Single Tax and give out literature. On going into the coffee business in New Orleans in 1899 these journeys ceased and Mr. Cage directed his efforts into new channels; but quite as earnestly. He hunted out the scattered, unknown Single Taxers of that city, infusing a degree of enthusiasm in men who had grown cold. He was constantly on the watch for new material. In a short time, his business associate, Mr. Drew, was numbered among his converts, and became active in the cause.

Seldom has a business firm, while endeavoring to build up a trade, done so much for Single Tax. They established a brand of Single Tax coffee, instructing their several drummers to explain the meaning and idea of the name whenever occasion offered. And for years in every package of coffee which left their factory they placed a Single Tax tract, in hopes, as Mr. Cage said, that whoever opened the package would thus be led to read the tract. The above are but some of the modes in which Mr. Cage's work was done. He was strongly in favor of independent political action, believing that while the party might never succeed, its principles would win, even after its death, just as what was true in Populism is now capturing the Republican party.

While it is not permitted him to see the full fruition of the work, Mr. Cage's faith in the justice of God enabled him to realize that our cause must surely win. And next in degree to seeing this great reform in operation and the benefits resulting, came the certainty of knowing that these were but delayed for a season.

EDWARD T. WEEKS.

## DEATH OF ARTHUR MCEWEN.

The death of Arthur McEwen adds another to the list of those who have departed during the last quarter. Mr. McEwen was best known as a journalist, and his letters signed "A Gentleman," which have appeared in the *New York American*, have made both his name and this pseudonym a household word among those who relish genuine humor with a democratic flavor.

This sturdy upholder of democratic principles was born in Scotland fifty-six years ago, and with his family emigrated to Canada. From there McEwen made his way to California. He attended the University at Berkeley and was looked upon as one of the most brilliant students ever turned out by that university.

When he left the university he worked