

News of the Movement

Single Tax speakers are needed for out-of-door meetings in San Francisco. Apply to The Great Adventure League, Room 211, 251 Kearny street.

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James P. Cadman, president of the San Diego Single Tax Society, had a letter in the San Diego Union, December 9, pointing out that thousands of farmers are leaving this country to get cheap land in other countries.

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A number of Single Taxers, both men and women, from the East expect to visit California this year to work for the Single Tax Amendment.

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William L. Ross invited Albert Kern, secretary of the Anti-Single Tax League, to debate the Single Tax with him. Mr. Kern said he was too busy.

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Henry Warfield has taken Marcus West's advice and now has attractive Single Tax signs on his car. A sign on the rear reads: "Vote for the Single Tax Amendment in November, 1922." Another reads: "Single Tax means Jobs for all, Homes for all, Plenty for all." Another reads: "Single Tax means less rent, more jobs."

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At the annual meeting of The Great Adventure League on January 3 the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: William L. Ross, president; Lona Ingham Robinson, Dr. H. Wahle and John D. Barry, vice-presidents; Maude N. Brodeur, secretary; and Joseph S. Thompson, treasurer.

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Dr. Herbert F. Andrews was the principal speaker at the San Diego Single Tax Society dinner on January 6. His subject was, "The Psychology of Persuasion."

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Mrs. Lona Ingham Robinson reports that the Woman's Taxation Study Club will take up the matter of each individual member making an explanation of the merits of the Single Tax Amendment. In this manner it is hoped to make plain its advantages to both individual voters or to meetings.



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The object of this publication is to abolish every tax now levied on the people of the United States and collect the entire rent of land for Federal, State and local expenses. The rent of land belongs to the people, not the landlords.

Now for the Ballot!



TWO months before the last election our friends all over the country became enthusiastic; money came flowing in and our people here were not only full of hope, they were inspired to work. They said: "If we only had a year in which to do the work we must do in the next two months, we could win!"

We now have time enough! We have pledges enough to pay our running expenses. But before our measure can be voted on in November we must have a fund with which to get 55,000 validated signatures. This will cost between six and seven thousand dollars, but if every friend of the California movement will give all he can and do it at once the fund can be raised.

We went through the last campaign and this one to date without spending money before we raised it. We intend to continue this method.

The times are hard, but that is all the more reason for shouting our message from the housetops; now is the time to show the people that there is no need for the hard conditions which crush so many. We are ready to show them, but must have your help.

A few days ago we read of a man in San Francisco who was shot and killed by a policeman because he was caught stealing a suit of clothes he intended to sell for money to buy food for his starving children. In trumpet tones and glaring headlines the newspapers told us about it, but not a word about a remedy for such terrible and needless misfortunes. A little

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charity was doled out, but nothing proposed to cure the disease that caused the need for charity. This is only one of the cruel misfortunes that thousands are suffering today because they don't know the way out. Single Taxers do know the way out. The place to tell it is where the people can vote for it! Circulating the initiative petition is the best way of attracting the voters' attention. It is of the kind that arouses interest. It gives the best opening for telling the people how we could have a paradise to live in instead of a hell!

People here in California know about Single Tax. They will sign the petition if we have enough money to pay for circulating it. Just a little help from each will help us over the rough spots and will make easy sailing. With the fund secured we can go ahead with the educational work so necessary. Give just as many dollars now as you can. Then it won't be necessary to waste our time and effort in appealing for funds.

WILL ROSS.

Cause of Poverty

By JOHN BOYLE O'REILLY

(Written in 1886, in response to a symposium on the cause of poverty appearing in the New York World)

The masses are poor, ignorant and disorganized, not knowing the rights of mankind on the earth, and never knowing that the world belongs to its living population, because a small class in every country has taken possession of property and government, and makes laws for its own safety and the security of its plunder, educating the masses, natural order and the law of God.

By long training and submission the people everywhere have come to regard the assumption of their rulers and owners as the law of right and common sense, and their own blind instincts, which tell them that all men ought to have a plentiful living on this rich earth, as the promptings of evil and disorder.

The qualities we naturally dislike and fear in a man are those which insure success under our present social order, namely: shrewdness, hardness, adroitness, selfishness, the mind to take advantage of necessity, the will to trample on the weak in the canning name of progress and civilization.

The qualities we love in a man send him to the poorhouse—generosity, truth, truthfulness, friendliness, unselfishness, the desire to help, the mind to refuse profit from a neighbor's loss, or weakness, the defense of the weak.

Our present civilization is organized injustice and intellectual barbarism. Our progress is a march to a precipice.

A free copy of this paper is an invitation to subscribe.

"Cozy" Murphy—The Farmer

The farmer, who cultivates his own small farm with his own hands, is a landowner, it is true; but he is in greater degree a laborer, and in his ownership of stock, improvements, tools, etc., a capitalist. It is from his labor, aided by this capital, rather than from any advantage represented by the value of his land, that he derives his living. His main interest is that of a producer, not that of a landowner.

There lived in Dublin, some years ago, a gentleman named Murphy—"Cozy" Murphy, they called him for short, and because he was a very comfortable sort of a Murphy. Cozy Murphy owned land in Tipperary; but as he had an agent in Tipperary to collect his rents and evict his tenants when they did not pay, he himself lived in Dublin, as being the more comfortable place. And he concluded, at length, that the most comfortable place in Dublin, in fact the most comfortable place in the whole world, was—in bed. So he went to bed and stayed there for nearly eight years; not because he was at all ill, but because he liked it. He ate his dinners, and drank his wine, and smoked his cigars, and read, and played cards, and received visitors, and verified his agent's accounts, and drew checks—all in bed. After eight years' lying in bed, he grew tired of it, got up, dressed himself, and for some years went around like other people, and then died. But his family were just as well off as though he had never gone to bed—in fact they were better off; for while his income was not a whit diminished by his going to bed, his expenses were.

This was a typical landowner—a landowner pure and simple. Now let the working farmer consider what would become of himself and family if he and his boys were to go to bed and stay there, and he will realize how much his interests as a laborer exceed his interests as a landowner.—Henry George, in Social Problems.

Good Work in Oakland

Editor The Henry George Standard:

A most pleasant and encouraging thing I have found in my work here for Single Tax is the large number of people I talk with who understand it and declare their intention of voting for it. This shows the value of the campaign of education which has been carried on for the past few years. With those who know nothing of Single Tax I find that a brief statement invariably convinces them of its justness. California should be the first State to put over Single Tax, and it will be if Single Taxers throughout the country can be made to see the matter as we here see it.

I find that the Single Tax slogans which I have had painted on the glass panels of my Ford sedan are great thought provokers. Thousands of people have read them in the short time I have had them on my car.

If every Single Taxer who owns a car would put a small Single Tax sign on it, Californians would wake up after the next election to and the Single Tax an accomplished fact.

(Signed) JOHN CAIRNS.